

# **WJAC-TV**

## **Quarterly Problems Program Report**

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## Quarterly Problems Program Report Programs Line-Up

KEY TO PUBLIC AFFAIRS PROGRAMMING			
NEWSCENTER 6	5:00 PM – 6:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	40:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	6:00 PM – 6:30 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
NEWSCENTER 6	11:00 PM – 11:35 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	25:00 CONTENT
NIGHTLY NEWS	6:30 PM – 7:00 PM	MONDAY – SUNDAY	20:00 CONTENT
TODAY SHOW	7:00 AM - 10:00 AM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	2:00:00 CONTENT
DATELINE	VARIOUS PRIME 7:00 PM – 11:00 PM	VARIOUS MONDAY – SUNDAY	VARIOUS 48:00 - 1:36:00 CONTENT
DR. PHIL	11:00 AM – 12:00 PM	MONDAY – FRIDAY	48:00 CONTENT
CONNECTING WITH KIDS	7:30 PM – 8:00 PM	WEDNESDAY, 10/8/03, 11/12/03, & 12/10/03	22:00 CONTENT

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### PUBLIC AFFAIRS RELATED PROGRAM DESCRIPTIONS

***DR. PHIL*** – A national syndicated program that discusses controversial, personal, and social issues. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows an interview format with some expert consultants and guests. The host, Dr. Phil McGraw, offers expert counseling. The show airs Monday – Friday, 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM.

***CHANNEL 6 NEWS*** - The Channel 6 News Department uses the ascertained problems of the community as a basis to decide what topics should be dealt with more extensively than the day-to-day news coverage. Listed in this report are the news stories that covered the ascertained issues. The stories listed aired on 5:00 pm, 5:30 pm, 6:00 pm, and 11:00 pm newscasts.

***DATELINE*** – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a news magazine format, introducing reports submitted by show correspondents of varying lengths. The show airs various days Monday – Sunday, at various times during the prime schedule from 7:00 pm to 11:00 pm.

***NBC NIGHTLY NEWS*** – An NBC news program that presents news reports of national interest and concern. Listed in this report are the stories that pertain to ascertained issues in which the national and local concerns coincide.

***TODAY*** – An NBC news program that presents news on a wide variety of topics, ranging from entertainment, to health, business, event coverage, safety, and social issues. The show follows a varied format, complete with anchored news reports, reports submitted by correspondents, talk-show style interviews, and entertainment performances. Listed in this report are stories presented which pertain to the ascertained issues. The show airs Monday – Friday, 7:00 am – 10:00 am.

***CONNECTING WITH KIDS*** – A national syndicated program that presents issues pertinent to the lives of young people. The show addresses one topic per episode and follows a documentary format with expert consultants and case studies. The show airs once a month Wednesday evening 7:30 PM – 8:00 PM.

**QUARTERLY PROBLEMS PROGRAM REPORT  
ASCERTAINED ISSUES  
OCTOBER, NOVEMBER, & DECEMBER 2003**

1. DRUG CRIMES & OTHER LAW ISSUES
2. EDUCATION ISSUES
3. PROBLEMS AT LOCAL MEDICAL FACILITIES & OTHER HEALTH ISSUES
4. MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES
5. CONSUMER ISSUES
6. PRIMARY ELECTION ISSUES
7. PA BUDGET DEADLOCK & GOVERNMENT ISSUES
8. ENVIRONMENT ISSUES
9. FOOD SAFETY & OTHER SAFETY ISSUES
10. JOBS / LABOR / ECONOMY / BUSINESS  
ISSUES
11. NURSING HOMES & OTHER SENIOR CITIZENS' ISSUES
12. TEEN HEALTH & OTHER TEEN ISSUES
13. FAMILY ISSUES
14. ROADS, PARKING & OTHER TRANSPORTATION ISSUES

\*REPORT ALSO INCLUDES INFORMATIONAL NEWS OF PUBLIC INTEREST UNDER THE ABOVE CATEGORIES.

# Public Service Announcement Listing 4th Quarter 2003 by Issues and Problems

Title	Organization	Description	Length
<b>ISSUE: CRIME / LAW</b>			
"TAKE THE PLEDGE" GENERIC	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF VIOLENCE	VARIOUS MALE MEMBERS OF THE POPULATION – BOTH FAMOUS AND NOT – SAYING THAT WILL NOT HURT WOMEN	:30 :15
"CORONER MOSAIC"	DRUG FREE PA	MOSAIC OF A TEEN WHO DIED SERVES AS A BACKDROP FOR CORONER WHO EXAMINES HER	:10 :30
"JIM"	DRUG FREE PA	FATHER OF A TEEN TELLS WHAT HE WOULD HAVE DONE HAD HE KNOWN ABOUT HIS SON'S ADDICTION	:10
"HEROIN FLATLINE"	DRUG FREE PA	SHOWS HOW HEROIN CAN BE FATAL	:30
"IDENTITY THEFT"	U.S. POSTAL INSPECTION SERVICE	JERRY ORBACH – ON IDENTITY THEFT	:15
<b>ISSUE: EDUCATION</b>			
"College Savings"	PAB Department of Treasurer	Financial advisor explaining how to save for college... really talking to his family.	:30
"RURAL"	NATIONAL CENTER FOR FAMILY LITERACY	RURAL FAMILIES VIDEO UNDER MUSIC – THE ONLY WAY TO GET OUT IS TO GO IN	:30
"LOCKER"	FOUNDATION FOR A BETTER LIFE	POPULAR BOY DUMBS NERDS BOOKS... ANOTHER POPULAR BOY HELPS HIM OUT	:30 :10
<b>ISSUE: HEALTH</b>			
"KIDS/ MINORITIES"	PENN STATE ANTI SMOKING	SMOKING TARGETS KIDS/MINORITIES	:30
"LOOKS GLAMOROUS"	PENN STATE ANTI SMOKING	ISN'T AS GLAMOROUS AS YOU THINK	:15
"CROSSWALK"	NATIONAL ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION	DIFFERENT PEOPLE IN COMMUNITY – SAYS HOW LONG THEY'VE BEEN CLEAN – RECOVERY IS POSSIBLE	:30 :15
"SUBTITLES"	NATIONAL ALCOHOL & DRUG ADDICTION	MAN AFTER REHAB – WHAT PEOPLE SAY AND WHAT THEY REALLY MEAN – HIS LITTLE GIRL IS PROUD OF HIM	:30
"ALWAYS GIVE HUGS"	CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL	PEDIATRICIAN/MOM – KNOW WHEN ANTIBIOTICS HELP AND WHEN THEY DON'T	:30
"WE KNOW WHAT IT'S LIKE"	ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS	HAVE A DRINKING PROBLEM – THEY CAN HELP	:60 :30 :15
"SMALL GESTURES"	SPECIAL OLYMPICS OF PA	SUPPORT THE SPECIAL OLYMPICS	:30
"Mom's on Meningitis"	National Meningitis Association	Moms of college students tell their stories of their kids getting meningitis at school.	:60 :30 :15

"Communicating with deaf people"	National Technical Institute for the Deaf	Woman using sign language while she speaks... diverse people in background	:30
"National Shortage of Interpreters"	National Technical Institute for the Deaf	Expressing need for interpreters, diverse people in background	:30
Deaf People in the Job	National Technical Institute for the Deaf	Deaf people do make a difference in the workplace	:30
"Hearing"	American Speech Language Association	Alarm sounding ... other noises. These noises can affect your hearing.	:60 :30 :15
"The Means to Polio's end"	Rotary International	Rotary members giving vaccines to African American children	:90 :60 :30
"Childhood Nutrition"	Penn State Cooperative Extension	Kids and the proper nutrition to help them grow strong.	:30 :20 :10
Talk IBS with Lynda Carter	Society for Women's Health Research	Irritable Bowel Syndrome... most women have it.. Lynda Carter tells you where to go to get help.	:30 :20
"Everyone's Talking"	PA Department of Health	Over 50, variety of people getting tested for colon cancer – it's saved their lives... Prevention matters.	:15 :20 :30 :60
"Family"	Drug Rehabilitation and Education Services	People talking about drug problems...help.	:60 :30
"Mascara"	United Way Campaign	United way helped people pay for medical expenses... that doesn't matter... what matters is that she's still here...woman putting on mascara.	:60 :30 :20
"Cookies"	American Red Cross	If everyone donated blood, we may have a cookie shortage... but that's okay.	:30
"Family"	Drug Rehabilitation and Education Services	People talking about drug problems...help.	:60 :30
<b>ISSUE: JOBS / ECONOMY / BUSINESS</b>			
"SHELTER"	BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA	THEY HELP LOW INCOME FAMILIES WITH AFFORDABLE HOUSING	:30
"NEWS OF SMALL BUSINESSES"	CONSUMER SCIENCES	HOW WOMEN CAN START HOME BASED BUSINESSES	:30
"PRICELESS RESOURCES"	USDA	COUPLE CHECKING OUT AT GROCERY STORE – SUPPORT FARMERS WHO CARE FOR OUR PRICELESS NATURAL RESOURCES.	:30
<b>ISSUE: GOVERNMENT</b>			
"Mammograms" – Chris English	Congressional Family	Congressional Family Members talking about important current day issues	:30
"Making A Difference" Ali Shuster	Congressional Family	Congressional Family Members talking about important current day issues	:30
"Extra Steps" Garrett Shuster	Congressional Family	Congressional Family Members talking about important current day issues	:30

"Building Blocks" Christ Toomey	Congressional Family	Congressional Family Members talking about important current day issues	:30
Lifetime Literacy" Leslie Platts	Congressional Family	Congressional Family Members talking about important current day issues	:30
"USERRA"	U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR	SECRETARY OF LABOR, ELAINE CHOW, TALKING ABOUT OUR ARMED FORCES RETURNING AND HOW YOU MUST HIRE THEM BACK	:30
"LENNY MOORE 2"	THE SECOND MILE	LENNY MORE TALKING ABOUT WHAT SECOND MILE DOES	:30
"In the Pink"	Federal Government	You don't have to wait in line anymore! The federal government is now online.	:60 :30 :20 :15 :10
<b>ISSUE: FAMILY ISSUES</b>			
"Love... Pass It On"	Foundation for a better Life.	Father get's done with hockey game, phone call for him... sings itsy bitsy spider to little girl.	:90 :60 :30 :20 :15

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG CRIMES & OTHER LAW ISSUES . . .. OCTOBER***

10/2/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Mark Allen

### **ANTIDRUG PROGRAM**

Drug abuse continues to be a major problem in our area. The goal of a new Cambria County program to win the war on drugs is to reach young people before they become addicted. Convicted drug offenders warn elementary students about the dangers of drugs. Mark Allen reports.

1:25 – Package

Judge Gerald Long – Cambria County

Sandy Feist – 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher

10/14/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **TAZER GUNS**

A Cambria County police department has a new way to fight crime. Today, the Richland Police received two tazer guns that will be used to shock people who need to be contained. The guns will eliminate the need for direct physical contact to achieve containment.

:50 – SOT/VO

Richard Bartlett – Richland Police

10/21/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **SINKHOLES DISCOVERED**

There are new problems at the construction site for the new Centre County prison. Work crews have discovered two sink holes located near the area where the recreational yard is supposed to be built.

:39 – SOT/VO

Gene Lauri – Centre County Prison Board

10/22/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

### **POLICE SUBSTATION WANTED**

An area community is trying to keep crime out of the neighborhood. Folks who live in Moxham want city officials to open a police substation at the Russel House. They are looking for a way to deal with increased crime and drug use.

:42 – SOT/VO

Jean Tanaka – Moxham resident

10/22/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Julie Vallese

### **BOOZE ON INTERNET**

The law says in order to buy alcohol, you must be 21 or older. But if you buy it on-line, who is doing the carding? Julie Vallese reports on the debate between access and accountability.

1:47 – Package

10/22/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

### **FILE SHARING DISCUSSION / STATE COLLEGE**

Some area college students got a first-hand look at what file sharing is doing to the entertainment industry. It's a crisis for that industry and the president of the Motion Picture Association of America says it's a matter of morality, right versus wrong.

:44 – SOT/VO

Jack Valenti – Motion Picture Association



## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG CRIMES & OTHER LAW ISSUES . . .. OCTOBER***

10/23/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

### **RADAR GUNS FOR LOCAL COPS**

Pennsylvania lawmakers could soon change the law that allows only state police troopers to use radar guns to clock speeders. One concern has been that local departments would use the guns to pull over more speeders to generate more money.

:52 – SOT/VO

Rep. Tom Yewcic – ( D ) 72<sup>nd</sup> District

10/23/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **RED RIBBON MARCH**

Johnstown students held an anti-drug march through the Moxham neighborhood today. They wore their red ribbons in a show of solidarity in a neighborhood that has been plagued lately with drug-related crimes.

:41 – SOT/VO

Mike Messina – Prevention specialist

10/27/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

### **HEROIN PROBLEM**

The Punxsutawney area is made up of several close-knit small communities. Now one town is asking how a heroin drug ring set up shop in their neighborhood. Katie Collett reports on what was learned from today's drug arrests.

1:00 – Package

10/28/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Pam Kane

### **HEROIN USE ON THE RISE**

Use of the highly addictive drug heroin is on the rise in rural communities throughout central Pennsylvania. One town is fighting hard to get the drug and its dealers off the street. Pam Kane reports.

1:09 – Package

Jeffrey Burkett – Jefferson Co. D.A.

10/29/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

### **COURT FUNDING CUT**

As drug use continues to grow in the area, one local justice system was looking to extend their drug court. But major funding was denied that would have been used to send drug addicts to treatment within 10 to 20 days of coming out of the District Justices' offices. Katie Collett reports on the disappointment for justice officials.

:40 – Package

Judge Jolene Kopriva – Blair County

10/29/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

### **HALLOWEEN DUI'S**

We have long considered New Year's Eve to be the most dangerous time to be on the highways. But statistics compiled over the past 3 years in the Mid-Atlantic region show that there were nearly twice as many people killed in alcohol-related crashes on Halloween. Why? Regina Miller reports.

1:10 – Package

Det. John Conti – Ferguson Twp. Police

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG CRIMES & OTHER LAW ISSUES . . .. OCTOBER***

10/30/03, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jarod Latch

### **ANTI-PORNO MOVEMENT**

One local township is saying no to pornography. They are working to keep adult businesses out of Jackson Township with an anti-porn ordinance. Five churches there have come together to make people aware of the dangers of pornography. Jarod Latch reports.

1:15 – Package

William Barbin – Township lawyer

Rev. Paul Robine – St. John Vianney Church

10/30/03, 11 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

### **IDENTITY THEFT**

You lose your wallet and your credit cards are stolen. It's a nightmare, but identity theft can happen in other ways too. It is a growing problem. Sophia Wharton reports.

2:30 – Package

Judith Collins - Identity Theft expert

Jay Foley – ID Theft Task Force

10/31/03, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

### **FIGHTING DRUG WAR**

It seems like every week, there's another drug arrest. The question is; are we making progress or just maintaining the status quo? Mark Allen reports.

:57 – Package

Craig Foust – Johnstown Police Captain

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG CRIMES & OTHER LAW ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER***

11/6/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

### **PRIESTS ACCUSED**

More lawsuits are on the way for the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese of the Catholic Church. Two men have claimed abuse from two different area priests. Katie Collett reports.

:48 – Package

Richard Serbin – Attorney

11/7/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

### **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT**

There are now a total of 11 lawsuits against the Altoona Johnstown Roman Catholic Diocese accusing priests of sexual misconduct. There is also charges of negligence in failing to provide a safe environment and incompetence. Katie Collett reports.

1:00 – Package

11/14/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

### **MISSION OF UNITY**

After bishops from across the country met to talk about issues going on in the Catholic Church, an area bishop has returned with a mission to reunify the church. Natasha McBroom reports on how the church can help victims of sexual abuse by clergy, but victims can also help the church define existing problems and create reunification.

:1:49 – Package

Bishop Joseph Adamec – Altoona Johnstown Diocese

11/10/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

### **PRISON GUARD PROBLEMS**

There are more problems at the Centre County Prison with the resignation of one guard who flunked a drug test while another is charged with using unnecessary force on an inmate. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:08 – Package

Kith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

11/17/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

### **JACKSON TWP ZONING**

Those living in Jackson Township are one step closer to keeping their area safer from an influx of adult businesses. They are working on amendments to 2001 zoning laws to make stricter ordinances for adult businesses.

:49 – SOT/VO

Bruce Baker – Jackson Township Supervisor

11/17/03, 5 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

### **STOP THE FILTH**

It's a problem most people associate only with big cities. But actually, small towns are very susceptible to corruption from adult businesses. Sophia Wharton reports on how to stop the filth.

3:57 – Package

Betty Lybarger – Jackson Township

Pastor Lynn Sanner – St. Paul's Evangelical Church

Jim angello – Concerned resident

Richard Haines – Planning Director

Dave Bracken – Township Supervisor

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG CRIMES & OTHER LAW ISSUES . . .. NOVEMBER***

11/17/03, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **TERRORISM TRAINING**

Emergency teams in Johnstown are preparing for the worst, training for terrorism. Today's drill focused on terror attacks on transit systems, such as buses or trains. These are likely targets because of the number of riders.

:43 - SOT/VO

Rick Rector - SERT Team Instructor

11/19/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

### **ON CAMPUS ASSAULTS**

There's been a rash of sexual assaults in State College over recent months. Students there are so concerned, they're asking State Police for help. That's the reason for a community forum scheduled on the Penn State campus. Despite the installation of downtown cameras, a campus escort service, and additional lighting, students say more is needed. Regina Miller reports.

1:14 - Package

Graham Spanier - University president

Elissa Mills - PSU student organizer

11/20/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Jarod Latch

### **ANTI PORN VOTE**

Tonight could be the night for a vote on the issue of keeping smut out of Jackson Township. Jarod Latch reports.

:52 - Package

Jack Dean - Township resident

11/20/03, 11 PM, Thursday Jarod Latch

### **AGAINST PORN**

Progress was made tonight on keeping adult businesses out of Jackson Township. An official motion was made on amending a zoning ordinance. Jarod Latch reports.

1:29 - Package

11/25/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

### **INMATE COSTS**

Inmates in county jails that require mental health treatment are usually transferred to State prisons with those facilities. However, the counties get the bills, and that can break the budget. That is the message Blair County Commissioners are trying to get to legislators.

1:01 - SOT/VO

John Eichelberger - Blair County Commissioner

11/25/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **COMMUNITY CRIME WATCH**

Stopping crime before it can even begin is the aim of the "Watch Program" in Claysburg. With the growing use of heroin in the county, this community want everyone to help in the war against drugs.

:45 - SOT/VO

Randy Feathers - Attorney General's Office

**WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG CRIMES & OTHER / LAW ISSUES**  
**. . . . DECEMBER**

12/1/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

**SEXUAL ASSAULTS UP**

The number of sexual assaults reported at Penn State and in State College continues to rise. Police say they've investigated three times the number of assaults in State College during the Fall semester as last year at the same time. Why?

:51 - SOT/VO

Dawn McKee - Women's Resource Center

12/1/03, 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

**DON'T BE A TARGET**

Each year officials see crime rise during the holiday season. Police say now is the time to adopt practices to make sure you are not a target for robbery. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:18 - Package

Angelo Di Rosa - Conemaugh Township Police

Nicole Melikant - Johnstown

12/2/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

**PRISON SINKHOLES**

Centre County officials confirmed today that there are a total of 17 sinkholes at the prison construction site off the Benner Pike. The soil and base underneath is being compared to Swiss cheese.

:55 - SOT/VO

Joseph Prowell - Construction manager

12/8/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

**PARTY LIABILITY**

Parties hit their peak during the holiday season. Yet, few hosts realize the penalties they could face if a guest leaves their party and is involved in a drunk driving crime.

:40 - SOT/VO

Dave Evans - Insurance agent

12/10/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

**CAREFUL SHOPPING**

Police say that thieves are busy this time of year looking for shoppers who aren't keeping a watchful eye on their surroundings. There are some common-sense ways to make sure you don't become a victim.

:42 - SOT/VO

Thomas Miller - Blair Township Police Chief

12/10/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

**PFEFFER CHARGED**

A fourth district justice has reversed the decision of three others and ordered Joseph Pfeffer to stand trial as a result of a deadly car crash. The long-running legal case has prompted the victim's family to speak out. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:05 - Package

Robert Klingler - Wife died in crash

Joseph Amendola - Pfeffer's attorney

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: DRUG CRIMES & OTHER / LAW ISSUES**

### **.... DECEMBER**

12/17/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

#### **HOME INVASIONS**

Police say there has been a rash of home invasions in Cambria County over the past several weeks. And police in Blair County report some incidents too. Natasha McBroom has talked with police to get some tips to keep you and your home safe.

1:07 – Package

Trooper Dave White – PA State Police

12/17/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

#### **SERRANO DEATH**

Two brothers were charged today in the sudden death of a Penn State student. The brothers are bouncers and the student, who was drunk, choked on his own vomit. The case is raising a lot of controversy, and the arrest today doesn't mean the issue is closed. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:05 – Package

Ray Gricar – Centre County D.A.

Karen Muir – Rosengrant's Attorney

12/31/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

#### **LEGAL PROBLEMS / PARTYING**

If you are having a party and alcohol is involved, you are responsible for your guests. If they are in an accident after they leave the party, you are also libel in a civil suit along with the driver. Katie Collett reports.

1:22 – Package

Robert Gleason – Attorney

Craig Foust – Johnstown Police Chief

12/31/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

#### **DON'T DRINK & DRIVE**

Area officials are begging people, if you are celebrating tonight, please don't drink and drive. If you get behind the wheel after drinking, it could end in disaster. There are people out there willing to help everyone get home safe tonight. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:04 – Package

Janie & Dave McConnell – M.A.D.D.

Kelly Whitaker – PennDOT

Jim Della – Reliable Towing

***NBC: CRIME ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER***

Nightly News

**Wednesday, DECEMBER 31**

Alcohol-related highway deaths are at an all-time high. A report on what police are doing to make the roads safer to tell you how you can protect yourself and your family.

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER***

10/1/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

### **"NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND" PROBLEMS**

An education group met today to discuss issues facing schools teaching students with special needs. The problem is that all students must pass the same exam regardless of their ability. Educators say this just isn't realistic for special needs students. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:08 – Package

Wayne Henderson – Supt, Berlin Schools

10/1/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

### **SCIENCE IN MOTION CUT**

An area science program will be shut down because of the hold on the State budget. The program provided a complete science lab on wheels that traveled to 23 local school districts and gives kids a chance to perform experiments on the latest equipment. Regina Miller reports.

1:35 – Package

Kathi Quinn – Biology teacher

Donald Mitchell – Program originator

10/3/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

### **AWARENESS RALLY / SAFETY ON CAMPUS**

With a series of recent attacks on women at Penn State, students are speaking out about safety and awareness concern. At a rally today on campus, students talked about sexual assault education and how to increase their safety. Gary Sinderson reports.

:43 – Package

Tatiana Diaz – Rally organizer

10/7/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

### **BOMB THREAT TOOLS**

With the number of school bomb threats increasing, officials are taking action. The Department of Education and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms have teamed up to create a new training program of effective responses.

:49 – SOT/VO

Bradley Buckles – A.T.F.

10/7/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

### **STRIKE END**

It is back to school in Somerset following a 22 day teacher strike. The strike wiped out most of the Christmas vacation, and students are not happy about the situation.

:47 – SOT/VO

Jessys Rhominski – Senior

Roní Bhullar – Senior

10/7/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **MOUSE PADS**

More and more high school students are trading note pads for mouse pads. They are taking classes on-line at cyber schools instead of public schools. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:56 – Package

Andy Griffith – Cyber student

Wendy Metcalf – Cyber program administrator



## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER**

10/8/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

### **PRE-RALLY MEETINGS**

Hundreds of students and faculty from across the state system are ready to be bussed to Harrisburg in an effort to rally for a possible faculty strike at state universities. It's an effort to let students speak out about the situation which may have a detrimental influence on their education in the next few months.

:48 – SOT/VO

Kevin Kodish – APSCUF

10/9/03, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

### **CHARTER SCHOOL ASSESSMENT**

Charter schools are getting more popular, but they are facing new challenges. Because they are free to develop their own curriculum, the state's Education Department wants to take a fresh look at assessing them with the federal mandate of improving test scores to get funding.

.1:30 – Package

Hal Ohnmeis – Wonderland School

10/14/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Brooke Hart

### **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE / SUPREME COURT**

The Supreme Court today agreed to take up a case that will affect millions of school children. The court will decide whether the "Pledge of Allegiance" violates the line between church and state. Brooke Hart reports.

1:49 – Package

Michael Newdow – Sued over pledge

Susan Low Bloch – Georgetown Law School

10/15/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

### **CREDIT CARDS / COLLEGE KIDS**

Credit cards have been helping and hindering college students for years. Now, some are being crushed by credit card debt that is forcing them to work more and study less. Katie Collett reports.

1:08 – Package

Sandy McGearry – Consumer Credit

10/15/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

### **COMMUNITY SERVICE / COLLEGE REQUIREMENT?**

Getting a college education is more than just going to class and making the grade. A state lawmaker wants to add a 25-hour community service requirement for students attending a state-run university.

:35 – VO

10/16/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

### **ROOMMATE EFFECT**

Peer pressure doesn't end when your child goes off to college. A New study finds that none of the most powerful influences on your kids' ability to succeed in college is his or her roommate. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:07 – Package

John Lochridge – Psychiatrist

Max Bluestein – Age 18

Parhan Savadkoohi – Age 18

Nikki Lee – Age 19

Kristen Collier – Age 18

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10/20/03, 5 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **BLAIR COUNTY / MOVING MONEY**

As the State's budget crisis drags on, yet another area school district is juggling money to make ends meet. Tyrone Area School District is moving money from its Reserve Account to make a payment on building improvements.

:43 – SOT/VO

Cathy Peachey – Business Administrator

10/20/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **ANTIDRUG TACTICS**

Schools are doing more and more to prevent drug use among students. The techniques have gotten more serious in nature and depth, from police in school to counseling programs. But are they working?

:47 – SOT/VO

Jim Walstrom – Attorney General's Office

10/27/03, 11 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

### **HOMEWORK**

It's a familiar refrain, kids today have too much homework! But is homework really out of control? Lisa Stofko takes a look.

2:04 – Package

Rob Jenkins – College professor

Dr. Frank Pajares – Emory University Professor

10/27/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **PROGRESS REPORT CARDS**

Parents in Clearfield will be seeing changes soon in their children's report cards. At a school board meeting, members and families heard about the cards, part of a balanced literacy program that focus on writing and reading levels.

:54 – SOT/VO

Deanna Flick – Clearfield Elementary

***NBC: EDUCATION ISSUES . . . OCTOBER***

Nightly News

**Tuesday, October 14**

NBC Nightly News reports on the Supreme Court's decision to take up the debate over the Pledge of Allegiance. Will the daily ritual for millions of public school students become a thing of the past?

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER***

11/6/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

### **BULLYING**

School can be tough for children of all ages, but add a bully to the mix, and things get really difficult. One group explained the ramifications of bullying at a local middle school today. Katie Collett reports.

1:00 – Package

Mickie Eberhart – Communities & Schools

11/10/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **SCHOOL STADIUM PLANS**

One local school district could finalize its plans for a new stadium as early as next week. The only question that remains to be settled is whether to use artificial turf or not.

:51 – SOT/VO

Dr. Joseph Dibartola – Conemaugh Township Schools

11/11/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

### **BULLYING TEACHERS**

If your child came home from school and told you he was bullied by another kid, you'd believe him. But if he came home saying his teacher was picking on him, your first reaction would probably be to discount the story. Sophia Wharton reports on bullying by teachers.

2:04 – Package

Dr. Stuart Twemlouw – Researcher

Joshua Kunz – Bullied by teacher

11/12/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Regina Miller

### **CODE OF SILENCE**

When it comes to safety, the first line of defense in any school is knowing what is happening within its walls. But breaking the code of silence among students hasn't been an easy task for school officials. Regina Miller reports.

3:37 – Package

Patricia Best – Superintendent

Tom Bradley – Altoona Area School District Spokesman

Jill Adams – High School Principal

Jill Walstrom – Attorney General's Office

J. Stefkovich – PSU College of Education

11/13/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

### **DORM SAFETY**

How safe are college dorms? It's an issue again at a local college after several women report that a man suddenly showed up in their rooms sometime when they were sleeping. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:10 – Package

Clifford Lutz – PSU Police Services

11/13/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **TEST SCORES UP**

The national assessment of 4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders shows improvement in overall math scores while reading scores remain unchanged.

:58 – SOT/VO

Rod Paige – U.S. Secretary of Education

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION ISSUES . . . NOVEMBER***

11/14/03, 5 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

### **HOMESCHOOLING ACTIVITIES**

Most parents want their children to lead balanced lives, complete with academics, arts, and sports. But what about kids that are homeschooled? Are they missing out? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:11 – Package

Brandon Davis – Age 17

Dr. Carol Drummond – Psychologist

Jonathan Brummel – Age 18

Drew Neidhammer – Coach

11/13/03, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **LAND SOLD**

After more than a year of controversy, Penn State administrators decided to sell more than 150 acres of farmland in the heart of the cCentre region.

:41 – SOT/VO

Christopher Uhl – Opposed Circleville sale

11/17/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

### **TEACHER RATING WEBSITE**

A half million teachers in almost 30,000 schools across the country are being graded by students on a new website. Students think it is a fair open way to rate the teachers, but school districts say there is nothing fair about it. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:54 – Package

Joseph Dimon – School administrator

Brittany Buchanon – Age 17

Phillip Jennings – Age 18

11/17/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Regina Miller

### **BUDGET IMPASSE FOR SCHOOLS**

Another group rallied today in Harrisburg. This time it was school officials who are angry about the budget impasse and the holdup of state funding. As schools work their way through their reserve funds, shutdowns loom in the future. Regina Miller reports.

1:15 – Package

Kim McCulley – School Finance Merger

11/18/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **RICHLAND / BUILDING OPTIONS**

The Richland School District is making an offer to buy the Greater Johnstown Career & Technology Center because estimates to repair the middle school came back much higher than expected.

:57 – SOT/VO

Rex McQuaide – Richland School Board

11/21/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

### **PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Most students are now partway through their first semester of school. Next comes preliminary reports and parent-teacher conferences. It's not only kids that get nervous about progress reports from the teacher. It can be a problem for parents as well. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:11 – Package

Robin Williams – Mother

Dr. Gordon Stanley – Psychologist

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11/21/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

### **LAW SCHOOL MOVE**

Gov. Ed Rendell and other powerful lawmakers are urging Penn State officials to drop consideration of moving the Dickinson Law School to State College.

:49 – SOT/VO

Graham Spanier – Penn State President

11/21/03, 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

### **BUILDING FIGHT**

Who will win the bidding war to buy the Greater Johnstown Career & Technology Center? The Cambria County Community College and the Richland School District both say they need that building for their own education facilities.

:43 – SOT/VO

Dr. Anna Weitz – CCACC President

11/24/03, 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **DICKINSON MOVE**

Whether the Dickinson Law School will move to State College is still on the table. While there is strong sentiment for the school to stay in Carlisle, one area Senator says politicians should stay out of it. He says Rendell is threatening Penn State's appropriations and that is entirely inappropriate.

:47 – SOT/VO

Sen. Jake Corman – ( R ) 34<sup>th</sup> District

11/24/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

### **VIOLENT SCHOOLS**

Just how safe is your child's school? Under the Federal "No child left behind" law, violent schools are supposed to be clearly identified as such. But are parents getting the truth? Lisa Stofko reports.

2:04 – Package

Joel Meyers – School Safety Specialist

Melinda Mendez – Age 17

Jonathan Sanders – Age 15

11/25/03, 5:30 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

### **CHEATING PT. 1**

How would you feel if your child cheated to make the grade in school? It's more common than you think. Some are calling it an educational crisis. Mark Allen has details.

2:38 – Package

Dr. Jon Gonder – UPJ

Megan Sullivan – Student

Deborah Christy – Teacher

Dr. Don McCabe – Rutgers University

Nicholas Kline – Student

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER**

11/26/03, 5:30 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **CHEATING PT. 2**

It's an increasing trend in schools, students using the internet as a shortcut on essays and term papers. Now some schools are using the internet to catch would-be cheaters. Mark Allen reports.

2:05 – Package

Dr. Don McCabe – Rutgers University

John Berrie – Turnitin.com

Dr. Jon Gonder - UPJ

Nicholas Kline – Student

11/26/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

### **FREEDOM OR THREAT**

A few weeks ago, a 14 year old student in Georgia was expelled after a teacher read in her journal about a dream of killing a teacher. Now the debate rages on freedom of speech or threat to safety. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:06 – Package

Ginny Coleman – Age 16

Andrew Tate – Age 18

Randy Dobbs – Professor of Education

11/26/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

### **DICKINSON MOVE**

The controversy is continuing over whether the Dickinson Law School will be moving to State College. Now the governor is involved in the talks, and Penn State's president says it is going to be a while before the issues are decided. Gary Sinderson reports.

:50 – Package

Graham Spanier – Penn State president

11/26/03, 6 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

### **PUSH FOR SPRINKLERS**

The State House has approved a loan fund for off campus locations to install sprinklers. It is not yet clear where the money for the fund will come from, because lawmakers voted against an added cigarette tax to fund the program. But sprinkler installation is a top priority.

:54 – SOT/VO

Shawn Kauffman – Centre Region Inspector

## ***NBC: EDUCATION ISSUES . . . NOVEMBER***

Dateline

**Sunday, NOVEMBER 2**

College parties have always had a reputation for getting a little wild, but Dateline looks at a recent trend that goes beyond wet t-shirts and guzzling beer. Porn companies are sponsoring parties for college kids, and when everyone's had enough to drink, their cameras start rolling. Keith Morrison reports on how some co-eds end up in x-rated movies.



## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER***

12/2/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **STUDENT ON SCHOOL BOARD**

Purchase Line swore in their new school board members tonight, among them student Kevin Deyarmin. Many believe the fresh new insight on the board will prove helpful.

:40 – Sot/VO

Kevin Deyarmin – Newly elected board member

12/3/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

### **REDISTRICTING PLANS IN PHILIPSBURG**

Kids from three elementary schools will be reassigned after the new Philipsburg Elementary School opens. Some parents have concerns about the move to a new much bigger building. So the district is holding meetings for parents to voice their concerns.

:45 – SOT/VO

Samuel Peterson – Philipsburg Superintendent

12/3/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

### **FOREIGN LANGUAGE**

Studies show that learning a foreign language enhances a student's education, even boosting SAT scores. So why are some schools cutting languages from their curriculum? Lisa Stofko reports.

1:54 – Package

Avinash Reddy – Age 9

Vaishali Reddy – Age 13

Patty Smitherman – Foreign language advocate

12/4/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

### **SCHOOL SPAT**

One side in the tug of war over the Johnstown Career and Technology Center building says its proposal isn't being heard. The Richland School Board President says the Authority isn't even considering Richland's pitch.

:51 – SOT/VO

Rex McQuaide – Richland School Board

12/4/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **SHUTDOWN?**

Some schools are saying that if they don't get the State funds soon, they will have no choice except to close down. While they understand the complexities of politics, the State budget needs to be settled soon, they say.

:45 – SOT/VO

Sen. Robert Jubelirer – ( R ) 30<sup>th</sup> District

12/4/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

### **FLU ON CAMPUS**

Dozens of Penn State students have been in to see campus doctors in recent days with flu symptoms. Health officials say the flu is on the increase a lot earlier than usual. A campus setting poses special problems because the students are in close quarters. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:00 – Package

Dr. Bruce Jansen – PSU Health Services

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION ISSUES . . . DECEMBER***

12/5/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

### **WEBSITE CONTROVERSY**

It is racism versus free speech at Penn State as a group of Halloween website photos are sparking outrage on campus. A photo of one person in blackface and another making reference to cross burning were posted on the website of the chairman of the Penn State College Republicans. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:00 – Package

Anesha Ali – Penn State Black Caucus

Bill Mahon – PSU Vice President

12/5/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

### **GEEK /CHIC**

Kids now consider the geeks of the past chic. There's a new attitude towards achievement in academics. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:11 – Package

Leah Hawking – Age 18

Ross Anderson – Age 17

Dr. Gloria Meaux – Psychologist

12/8/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Regina Miller

### **OUTRAGE ON PSU CAMPUS**

An outcry by minority students on the Penn State campus following the posting of racially offensive pictures on the website of the College Republicans sparked an apology from that organization but also accusations of harassment by members of the Black Caucus. Regina Miller reports.

:59 – Package

Anesha Ali – Black Caucus

12/8/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **NAACP REACTION**

The newly elected president of the PA State Conference of the NAACP was in Johnstown tonight and spoke out on the situation at the Penn State campus.

:49 – SOT/VO

Burrell Brown – NAACP Pittsburgh Chapter

12/9/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

### **CAMPUS GROUP DISPUTE**

Penn State administrators hope the dispute between various student groups on campus, including the black caucus, can be quickly resolved. But a meeting with the organizations involved yesterday left hard feeling and some calling for action by administrators. Gary Sinderson reports.

:55 – Package

Graham Spanier – Penn State President

12/11/03, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

### **CCACC PULLS OUT OF VOTECH PLAN**

In a surprise move, the Cambria County Area Community College has officially withdrawn its lease proposal for the Greater Johnstown Career & Technology Center.

:53 – SOT/VO

Dr. Anna Weitz - CCACC President

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12/12/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **CCACC WITHDRAWAL**

Is it good news or bad news that the Community College has pulled out of its lease proposal with the Vo-tech school? It depends on whom you ask.

:59 – SOT/VO

Rex McQuaid – Building Authority

12/12/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **GAS PRICE FOR SCHOOLS**

An energy company is saying that the person who gave four area school districts a deal on natural gas wasn't authorized to do it. Consequently, they will not honor the contract. It will now cost those districts double what they budgeted for.

:34 – VO

12/15/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **EARLY ADMISSIONS / UNDER SCRUTINY**

As the population of college bound students grows, so do questions about early admissions. It seems that colleges are favoring early applicants who are often non-minorities from privileged backgrounds.

:54 – SOT/VO

Robin Mamlet – Stanford University

12/17/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

### **DEFIBRILLATORS AT SCHOOL**

Defibrillators are often the first line of defense in a medical emergency. Two states now require them in schools and many more are considering them. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:02 – Package

Sean Penn – American Red Cross

Taylor Lupton – Age 17

12/19/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

### **CAMPUS VISITS**

When high school seniors make the decision about what college to attend, a visit to the campus is usually involved. But what goes on during some of those visits may surprise parents. Lisa Stofko reports.

1:48 – Package

Jordan Whitley – Age 17

Joy Gray Prince – High School Guidance Counselor

12/22/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

### **RANDOM DRUG TESTING**

Random drug testing in schools has made headlines over the years. Now, in the first large scale national study of its type, researchers are asking the question, "Does it work?" Lisa Stofko reports.

1:27 – Package

Stephen Mathis - Drug therapist

Sean Howarth – Age 17

Shannon Curley – Age 15

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: EDUCATION ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER***

12/24/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

### **GAP YEAR**

More and more high school seniors are putting off college to travel the world and chase their dreams. It's called taking a "gap" year and our top colleges are encouraging students to do it. Why? Sophia Wharton reports.

2:30 – Package

Mati Stern – College freshman

Ron Lieber – Author

Judy Hingle – National Association for College Admission Counseling

12/29/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

### **JUNIOR COLLEGE OPTION**

If you are after a four-year degree, why would you think of going to a Junior college? As Lisa Stofko reports, there are a lot of misconceptions about Junior Colleges which offer a great place economically and academically to start pursuing that degree. Forty percent of all high school graduates who go to college start in junior colleges. Why?

2:18 – Package

Rob Jenkins – Community College Professor / Department Chair

David Boyle – Age 18

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PROBLEMS AT LOCAL MEDICAL FACILITIES & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES . . . OCTOBER***

10/1/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **PROSTATE CANCER TREATMENT**

For men over 65, prostate cancer is the most common kind of cancer. The older men get, the higher their chance of developing it. Has treatment changed? Sara Burget reports there have been improvements.

1:27 – Package

Dr. McCullough – Has prostate cancer

Dr. Glen Hyland – Radiation oncologist

10/2/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **SOLID FOOD/INFANTS**

Pediatricians recommend that a baby's first solid food should be infant cereal. That should happen between four and six months of age. A new study says that is a good recommendation. Sara Burget explains why.

1:37 – Package

Dr. Jill Norris – University of Colorado Health Services

Harriet Austin – Mother

10/2/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **HOSPITAL FINANCE LOSS**

J.C. Blair Memorial Hospital released its yearly report at their third annual meeting tonight, showing a loss of over two million dollars. Hospital administrators say the loss was due largely because of shortages in reimbursements from Medicare and Medicaid.

:49 –SOT/VO

Rich D'Alverto – JC Blair Health System

10/3/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

### **MOBILE KNEE**

Many people are walking around with prosthetic knees. It's a standard replacement that helps patients become more mobile. Sara Burget reports on the improvements that have come about for this field.

1:00 – Package

Jessica giedd – Patient

Dr. Ronald Miller – Orthopedic Surgeon

10/6/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **BIKRAM YOGA**

There's a hot new trend in yoga and it's making a difference for some people. That's because it takes place in a room at 105 degrees. Sara Burget has the details on Bikram Yoga.

1:33 – Package

10/7/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

### **FLU SHOTS**

Health experts are suggesting people get the flu shot this year to prepare for a season that could be worse than most. Mark Allen reports.

1:22 – Package

Dr. Matt Masiello – Conemaugh Hospital

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10/7/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **HEART TREATMENT**

There is a new treatment when it comes to heart problems. Doctors are starting to put them in the "deep freeze." Sara Burget reports on how it works.

1:40 – Package

Teresa Jones - Patient

Dr. Murray Rosenbaum – Cardiologist

10/9/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **ATKINS DIETS**

Popular low carb-high protein diets are offered all across the country. But are people actually using them and sticking to it? What are the long term effects? Sara Burget reports.

1:39 – Package

Dr. Amy Joy Lanou – Nutritionist

Dr. Eric Westman – Atkin's Diet Researcher

10/10/03, 6/11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **HOSPITALS TO COLLABORATE**

Altoona Hospital and Bon Secours Holy Family Hospital may become one soon. A joint steering committee are looking into a collaboration. A merger could provide opportunities to improve health care in the region.

:54 – SOT/VO

Ron McConnell – Altoona Hospital

10/10/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

### **DIABETES BOOM**

In 50 years, children born now could be at a much higher risk of developing diabetes. How can you prevent that from happening to your child? Sara Burget reports.

1:49 – Package

Greg Ross – Parent

Dr. Mark Feinglas – Endocrinologist

10/13/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **FLU VACCINE**

Flu season is just around the corner, and that means it is time to get flu shots. But for those that don't like needles, the experience could be better this year, thanks to a new vaccine. Sara Burget reports.

1:30 – Package

Dr. Gorenssek – Infectious Disease Specialist

10/14/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **INTRALASIK**

Laser vision correction is a popular procedure for those who don't have 20-20 vision. But not everyone is a good candidate. Sara Burget reports on improvements to the surgery that might make it accessible to more patients.

1:33 – Package

Dr. Stephen Turner – Refractive surgeon

Jennifer Dabao – Patient

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10/15/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jarod Latch

### **DRUGS FROM CANADA**

A business that helps get prescription drugs from Canada has opened in our area. The opening of the "American Drug Club" brings with it the controversy over whether the savings that can be realized are a result of a lack of quality and safety with those imported drugs. Jarod Latch reports.

1:15 – Package

Bruce Profaizer – Store president

10/15/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **MIGRAINE TEST**

About 28 million Americans suffer from migraines. That costs the economy \$13 billion a year in health care and lost productivity. Unfortunately, it doesn't appear that the situation will improve any time soon. Sara Burget reports why.

1:40 – Package

Jeanette Walker – Migraine sufferer

Dr. Richard Lipton – Neurologist

10/16/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **BLADDER TEST**

Cancer of the bladder is the fifth leading cancer in this country. Fifty-seven thousand Americans will suffer from it this year. It will kill 12 thousand. But early detection is the best shot at a cure. Sara Burget reports on a new test.

1:31 – Package

Dr. Ihor Sawczuk – Urologist

10/16/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

### **MOUNTAINTOP MEDICAL CENTER FUNDING**

Many medical facilities not tied in to large health care organizations are facing uncertain financial times. That is the problem at the Mountaintop Medical Clinic in Snow Shoe. After months of struggling to keep the clinic open, residents now fear it may close by the end of the year. Gary Sinderson reports.

:46 – Package

Isabel Mayes – Mountaintop Clinic

Mickey Shaw – Mountaintop Clinic

Connie Lucas – Centre County Commissioner

Keith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

10/17/03, 5 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

### **KID FITNESS / NEW PROGRAM**

One of the reasons experts say that one in three American children are obese is that they watch too much TV. But one company is hoping that watching tv will lead your child to a healthier lifestyle. The Galam Company has come up with a series of fitness and yoga videos with kid-sized fitness equipment.

:48 – SOT/VO

Lynn Powers – Galam Company

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10/17/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

### **BREAST CANCER RISKS**

Breast cancer kills over 43,000 women and 400 men every year, according to the National Breast Cancer Foundation. Who is at risk? Sara Burget reports.

1:27 – Package

Dr. Donald Lannin – Yale Breast Center

10/20/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **BREAST SELF EXAM**

How can you detect breast cancer? You may say through breast self-exam or a mammogram. But just how accurate are they? Sara Burget reports.

1:41 – Package

Dr. Donald Lanin – Surgeon

Dr. Andrea Silber – Internist

10/21/03, 5 / 6 /11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

### **MEDICARE / NEW REGULATION**

Trouble could be ahead for inpatient rehab facilities. The Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services might update the 75 percent rule, which requires those facilities to meet a certain criteria to get needed funds. The proposal is causing some officials to worry that it may result in a loss of jobs and healthcare. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:39 – Package

Dr. Michael Moncman – Neurosurgeon

Scott Filler – HealthSouth, Alt. CEO

John Craig – Former patient

10/21/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **CLINIC FUNDING NEEDED / CENTRE COUNTY**

The operators of the Mountaintop Medical Clinic in Snowshoe say if they don't get some financial help, they may have to close by the end of next month.

:48 – SOT/VO

Connie Lucas – Centre County Commissioner

10/21/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **BREAST DUCTOSCOPY**

Most breast cancers start in the mammary ducts. But until recently, doctors didn't have access to that part of the body without performing invasive surgery. Sara Burget reports on a new procedure.

1:39 – Package

Dr. Julian Kim – Surgeon

Jenne Gideus – Breast Cancer patient

10/23/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

### **PHILLIPSBURG HOSPITAL / CUTBACKS**

Financial difficulties at the Phillipsburg Area Hospital have led administrators to ask the staff to accept some salary concessions to keep the facility open. The union representing the employees say they are willing to consider it, but they want more info on hospital finances.

Gary Sinderson reports.

:40 – Package



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10/23/03, 5 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **NEW HEART TEST**

You could soon be a blood test away from knowing if you're about to have a heart attack. A new experimental test measures the level of inflammation in the arteries by tracking an enzyme known as MPO.

:57 – SOT/VO

Dr. Stanley Hazen – Heart test researcher

10/23/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **SUDDEN CARDIAC**

A heart condition can strike without warning and it's almost always deadly. It's sudden cardiac arrest. It is fast becoming a younger woman's illness, Sara Burget reports.

1:33 – Package

Dr. Sumeet Chugh – Cardiologist

10/23/03, 6/11 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

### **BREAST CANCER VACCINES**

A breast cancer vaccine is being tested at Windber Medical Center and seems to be doing well. It is meant for people who have or who have had breast cancer.

:59 – SOT/VO

Diane Pringle – Joyce Murtha Center

10/23/03, 5/6/11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **MEDICAL CLINIC FUNDING**

Funding help is on the way for another area medical clinic that is trying to survive with a community based management group. While the Mountaintop Medical Center is seeing a delay in funding grants, the county may be able to help with some short term relief.

:40 – SOT/VO

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

10/24/03, 5/6/11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

### **FINANCIAL TURNAROUND**

A local hospital is making a financial comeback worth more than nine million dollars. Much of the turnaround is due to the better usage of the trauma center. Katie Collett reports.

1:21 – Package

Ron McConnell – Altoona Hospital

10/24/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

### **HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE**

Some may joke about stress raising their blood pressure, but high blood pressure is no joke. Sara Burget reports.

1:42 – Package

Matt Sincinski – Has high blood pressure

Dr. J. Ijing Yan – Northwestern University

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10/24/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Sandra Yi

### **LIVING WILLS**

The Terri Schiavo case raises questions about patient's health care rights and the importance of living wills. Who should have one? Could it protect you if you should become incapacitated? Sanda Yi reports.

1:23 – Package

Russell Blood – Attorney

10/27/03, 5 / 6/ 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

### **NEW OUTPATIENT CENTER**

The ribbon is cut for a surgical center in Altoona which is opening its doors with the hope of bringing friendlier and more accessible care to central Pennsylvanians. Natasha McBroom reports on the latest technology this center makes available.

:49 – Package

Judy Boerger – Altoona Hospital

10/27/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **VENDING MACHINES**

Childhood obesity in this country is growing at an alarming rate. Experts say part of the problem is because children have easy access to vending machines. Sara Burget reports.

1:00 – Package

10/28/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **BREAST IMRT**

New technology is making the treatment of breast cancer more precise and easier on the patient. Sara Burget reports.

1:47 – Package

Dr. Daniel Fass – Oncologist

Barbara Bolgna – Breast Cancer patient

10/28/03, 5 / 6/ 11 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

### **OBESITY BOOSTS CARE COSTS**

Doctors say that countless trips to the ER could be prevented if people were not obese. Now, business men and women in Johnstown are realizing that the health issue is affecting their bottom line, the cost of health care. Mark Allen reports.

1:25 – Package

Matt Masiello – Conemaugh Hospital

10/29/03, 5 / 6/ 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

### **HOSPITAL DEATHS**

A group of hospitals in the area have undergone performance evaluations and the results show high death rates in several categories. Natasha McBroom reports on the alarming news.

1:15 – Package

Betty Cottle – Bons Secours

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10/29/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **KID EYE EXAMS**

Parents usually take their children for yearly physicals, but they may not get their eyes checked every year. Eye problems can lead to a great many problems in school and in the future. Sara Burget reports on why eye exams for kids are so important.

1:25 – Package

Marilyn Keller – Kevin's Mom

Brian Beattie – Ophthalmologist

10/31/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

### **POOL RENEWAL**

One of the most difficult tasks for women with breast cancer is recovery after surgery. But a unique approach to rehabilitation is making some waves in the medical community. That's because the treatment involves a swimming pool. Sara Burget reports.

1:13 – Package

Terry Dupuy – Pool Renewal

Ann Barnaby – Patient

## ***NBC – HEALTH ISSUES. . . . OCTOBER***

Today

### **Monday, October 6**

October is Breast Cancer awareness month: Chief Science correspondent Robert Bazell takes a closer look at methods of early detection.

Today

### **Tuesday, October 7**

October is Breast Cancer awareness month: Dr. Larry Norton MD, Head Division of Solid Tumor Oncology at Memorial Sloan-Kettering talks about the latest treatment options.

Nightly News

### **Thursday, October 9**

Tonight, Nightly News reports on a new drug giving hope to thousands of breast cancer patients by drastically reducing the chances of the cancer returning. Robert Bazell reports on the groundbreaking results of a new study.

Nightly News

### **Wednesday, October 15**

Tonight, Nightly News reports on silicone breast implants. Robert Hager reports on whether a ban on the controversial devices will be reversed and how it may affect the health of women across the country.

Nightly News

### **Monday, October 20**

Tonight on Nightly News reports on the white collar high. The abuse of prescription painkillers may be much more prevalent than you think.

Nightly News

### **Tuesday, October 21**

Nightly News reports on a key abortion ruling. They look at the debate over a controversial late-term procedure and whether this decision will affect the rights of women across the country.

Nightly News

### **Friday, October 24**

Nightly News reports on employee fitness, looking at how some companies are encouraging their workers to stay in shape, thus cutting down on health care costs. Could working out become a common part of the workday?

## ***NBC – HEALTH ISSUES. . . . OCTOBER***

Nightly News

**Monday, October 27**

Nightly News reports on counting calories while eating out. Bob Faw examines a new push to require restaurants to include nutritional information on menus. Is it helpful information or more than you need to know?

## ***HEALTH ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER***

### **Dr. Phil 10/6/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil proves today that unhealthy perceptions create barriers for success when it comes to weight loss. Changing your thoughts can change your weight. Dr. Phil promotes right thinking.

Show #: 2204                      Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

### **Dr. Phil 10/13/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil explains how some people use food to down their sorrows or cure boredom. Gaining emotional control can aid in losing weight and keeping it off.

Show #: 2205                      Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

### **Dr. Phil 10/20/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil explores the importance of creating a no-fail environment in the battle of the bulge. What do you do about the eating of other family members when you're trying to lose weight? Dr. Phil addresses health and nutrition issues as well as instilling good eating habits in children.

Show #: 2031                      Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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11/3/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **BIS MONITORING**

Have you ever heard of someone waking up during surgery? It can happen, but now there's a new way to stop it. Sara Burget reports on BIS monitoring.

1:46 – Package

Kate Adamson – Patient

Dr. Paul Myers – Alfred Hospital

11/3/03, 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

### **NEW DRUG**

A new drug is on the pharmaceutical fast-track. It's being called the Barbie-drug and promises to make you look better. Sophia Wharton reports.

3:20 – Package

Dr. Robert Dora – University of Arizona

Dr. Mac Hadley – University of Arizona

Terry Winters – Epitun

Monica Ramirez – Psychologist

11/5/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **ASTHMA / CHILDREN**

Watching an energetic child suffer with asthma can be devastating for parents. Some doctors are suggesting that combining non-traditional therapies with more common ones can greatly increase the effectiveness of treatment. Sara Burget reports.

4:05 – Package

Stephanie Czymnik – Austin's mother

Dr. Chris Begley – Pulmonologist

Dr. Kenneth Kulback – Chiropractor

11/6/03, 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **PREMATURE BIRTHS / EPIDEMIC**

The March of Dimes says premature births is now the number one obstetric problem facing America. In Pennsylvania, over 300 babies are born too early each week. What do you need to know to break the cycle?

:43 – SOT/VO

Emily Rush – March of Dimes

11/7/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

### **BABY CRYING**

One of the biggest challenges for new parents is figuring out what their baby needs when they're crying. Now, a new device promises to decipher those cries. Sara Burget reports.

1:23 – Package

Marnie Pearl – New mother

Dr. Peter Contini – Pediatrician

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11/10/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **INCONTINENCE**

Many of us don't worry about the repercussions of a good laugh or a sneeze. But for some, this action can leave them embarrassed. How can you fix such a problem? Sara Burget reports.

2:33 - Package

Carrie Blank - Incontinence patient

Dr. Delbert Yoder - OB/GYN

11/10/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Amy Bradley

### **INCONTINENCE**

Incontinence is an embarrassing problem for men, women, and children. What help is available locally to deal with it? Conemaugh Health System's Amy Bradley is live with a doctor to answer that question.

1:00 - Live

Dr. Delbert Yoder - OB/GYN

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11/11/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **HEPATITIS SCARE / RED CROSS PRECAUTIONS**

The outbreak of Hepatitis A at a Beaver County Chi-Chi's is now having an impact on the blood supply. The Red Cross says that anyone who comes down with Hepatitis A or is vaccinated against it can not give blood for a full year.

:59 - SOT/VO

Dr. Thomas Lightfoot - American Red Cross

11/11/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **SNORING**

Do you find yourself bickering with your husband or wife a lot, not to mention being tired all day. The cause may be something that happens when you're asleep, snoring. Sara Burget explains.

3:12 - Package

Susan Graham - Wife

Charles Graham - Husband

Dr. Rashid Nadeem - Sleep physician

11/10/03, 5 PM, Monday Amy Bradley

### **SNORING**

It can disrupt a good night's sleep for you and your partner. Snoring affects 40 percent of the population. Amy Bradley talks with a doctor about what you can do.

1:00 - Live

Dr. Joel Younger - Sleep Lab Director

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11/12/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **ANEURYSMS**

Imagine you're going about your daily business, but any moment you could collapse and die, without even feeling sick. What's behind it; is there a silent killer? Sara Burget reports on aneurysms.

2:43 – Package

Dr. Gary Kramer – Interventional Radiology

11/12/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Amy Bradley

### **ANEURYSMS**

Aneurysms strike thousands of people every year, often without warning. How can you protect yourself from this silent killer? Amy Bradley of Conemaugh Health System talks to a doctor.

1:00 – Live

Dr. Michael Neuworth – Neurologist

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11/13/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **SIX-PACK ABS**

Six pack abs are usually the result of hours of exercise and lots of sit-up. But Sara Burget reports, a lot of people are now turning to surgery for the six-pack look.

1:15 – Package

Lance Buckley – Wants better Abs

Dr. Bruce Nadler – Plastic surgeon

11/13/03, 11 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

### **EXAM PRIVACY**

Your pelvic and prostate exam may not be as private as you think. Some doctors and patients are reporting that medical students are conducting sensitive exams on unconscious patients. Alison Burns reports on a push on Capitol Hill to protect you.

2:47 – Package

Ari Silver Isenstadt – Pediatrician

Zarhara Hechsher – Patient

Dr. Deborah Danoff – Medical Colleges

11/13/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **HEALTH & WELLNESS**

The Child and Adolescent Health and Wellness Council met this morning focusing on obesity. And how this problem can be helped.

:45 – SOT/VO

Dr. Matt Masiello – Director CAHWC

11/14/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

### **NEW PROSTHESIS**

One of the biggest challenges women face after breast cancer surgery is finding a prosthesis that fits and feels right. Sara Burget reports on a new one that is a better fit.

1:45 – Package

Carol Schwebel – Ruth's Lingerie

Kathleen Baker – Contour Med

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11/14/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

### **HOSPITAL COLLABORATION**

A joint committee from Altoona Hospital and Bons Secours is in the second phase of developing collaboration of services to give area patients better quality and a lower price. Sophia Wharton reports.

:47 – Package

Ron McConnell – Altoona Hospital

Dave Cuzzolina – Bon Secours Director

11/17/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **FOUR PERIOD PILL**

There's a new pill that reduces the number of times in a year that a woman has her period. Sara Burget reports on what doctors are saying about it.

1:25 – Package

Dennis Frerichs – Excited about new pill

Maria Alanis – Wary about new pill

Dr. Tacoma Knight – OB/GYN

11/18/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **INTEGRATIVE MEDICINE**

When you get sick, the first thing you want to do is see a doctor. But some people are choosing other forms of treatment along with a doctor visit. Sara Burget reports on integrative medicine and if there are advantages.

3:06 – Package

Kelly Warshel – Windber Internal Medicine

Karen Shuster – Natural Harvest

11/18/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **ADHD TREATMENT**

Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder is one of the most common behavior disorders diagnosed among young people in America today. A unique treatment program in our area is making a difference and drawing national attention. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:40 – Package

Joshua Thomas – 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Brian Nagle – Behavior specialist

Kim Thomas – Mother

Frank Janakovic – ACRP Executive Director

11/18/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

### **CLINIC FUNDING GRANT**

The Snowshoe Clinic continues to make a comeback after being on the critical list earlier this year. The number of patients seen in the first few months has far exceeded expectations and prompted a donation from the county.

:52 – SOT/VO

Mickie Shaw – Mountaintop Clinic

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11/19/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **EAR TREATMENT / CHIROPRACTIC**

Ear infections are a common part of growing up, but some kids get so many infections, their hearing could be affected. Doctors treat chronic ear infections with antibiotics and sometimes surgery. But Sara Burget reports on a new technique that involves chiropractics.

2:13 - Package

Beth Whitman - Mother

Dr. Ben Kligler - Family Prractitioner

Dr. Karen Ericson - Chiropractor

11/20/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **QUIT LINE**

Kicking the smoking habit is rarely easy, but help could be just a phone call away. The American Cancer Society says it is successful with its program because of the one-on-one help from counselors.

:40 - SOT/VO

Michelle George - Conemaugh

11/21/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Dr. David Marks

### **HEADACHE FROM TEETH**

Some dentists say that severe teeth clenching can turn a tension headache into a debilitating migraine. What can you do to prevent that? Dr. David Marks reports.

1:35 - Package

Allison Pettingall - Headache patient

Dr. Larry Newman - Headache specialist

Dr. Marc Liechtung - Dentist

11/24/03, 11 PM, Monday Sophia Wharton

### **MONEY FOR RURAL HOSPITALS**

There is more to the new Medicare bill than just a prescription drug benefit. It also makes provision for funding for rural hospitals. This was a crucial point to gain support of local lawmakers. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:27 - Package

Rep. John Peterson - ( R ) 5<sup>th</sup> District

Scott Hartnett - UPMC Lee Regional

Audrey Martin - Richland

11/24/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **MEDICARE REFORM**

The Medicare bill also adds a free-enterprise flavor to a government run program. While Democrats believe it will be the Medicare System's undoing, Republicans say private insurance companies will have a vast new role in health care.

1:07 - Sot/VO

Sen. Rick Santorum - ( R ) Pennsylvania

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11/25/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **PAIN DIET**

The diets we've heard of so far have been geared to help people lose weight. But now there are new diets to help people deal with new problems. Sara Burget reports on a diet to deal with pain.

1:40 – Package

Arlene Caddell – Back pain patient

Dr. Angela Baylis – Chiropractor

Dr. Kim Greenwald – Pain specialist

11/25/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

### **CUTTING CANCER TREATMENT**

Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States. Now, doctors are saying the new Medicare bill left a gaping hole in cancer treatment funding. It provides less funding for patients to pay for cancer medications. Katie Collett reports.

1:18 – Package

Ibrahim Sbeitan – Cancer doctor

Rep. John Peterson – ( R ) 5<sup>th</sup> District

11/25/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

### **MED. MALPRACTICE INSURANCE / HELP FOR DOCTORS**

Governor Ed Rendell announced today that doctors across PA are getting a letter telling them they have til Dec. 31<sup>st</sup> to pay for medical malpractice liability insurance. The governor wants to supplement half the physicians contribution, but lawmakers are not sure they will approve the plan.

:47 – SOT/VO

Sen. Jake Corman – ( R ) 34<sup>th</sup> District

11/25/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Pam Kane

### **MEDICARE FIX**

After the Senate approved the new Medicare bill, it appears that the rural hospitals have the most to gain. Now central PA hospitals will be on an equal platform with larger urban hospitals. Pam Kane reports.

:50 – Package

Rich D'Alberto – J.C. Blair Hospital

11/26/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **THANKSGIVING DINNER – KEEP IT HEALTHY**

On Thanksgiving Day, we eat a lot of food, turkey, dressing, vegetables, cranberries, and pie. How can we keep the premier dinner event healthy? Sara Burget reports.

1:09 – Package

Brit Schuman – Registered dietician

## ***NBC – HEALTH ISSUES. . . . NOVEMBER***

### **Dateline**

#### **Sunday, NOVEMBER 2**

Levitra is the newest entry into the market that helps men with erectile dysfunction or E.D. It's ad campaign is being fronted by an unlikely choice, "tough-guy" Mike Ditka. He's 30 years younger than Viagra's former spokesman, Bob Dole, and advertisers hope he'll appeal to the 30 million men who have E.D. It appears ad companies are trying to attract a younger age group. BUT Why? Josh Mankiewicz talks with members of the medical community about this new strategy.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Monday, NOVEMBER 3**

Counterfeit Prescription Drugs

Correspondent: Ron Allen

The federal Food and Drug Administration says the lucrative trade in fake drugs is expanding rapidly and poses a public health threat. In Florida, a \$54 million fake drug ring was busted this summer. Organized crime is involved, and the complex distribution system makes this a problem that affects every community in America.

### **Today**

#### **Friday, NOVEMBER 7**

"Too many C-sections" Chief Medical Correspondent Robert Bazell with the story of a physician – a resident in obstetrics- who has decided to have her first child by c-section even though there is no medical reason.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Friday, NOVEMBER 7**

Nightly News reports on the nationwide nursing shortage. Are patients' lives being put at risk? Robert Bazell reports on the alarming findings of a new study.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Monday, NOVEMBER 10**

Nightly News reports on repairing the damage caused by a heart attack. Robert Bazell reports on a new procedure that could help doctors rebuild the weakened muscle and help patients feel stronger and healthier.

## ***NBC – HEALTH ISSUES. . . NOVEMBER***

### **Nightly News**

#### **Wednesday, NOVEMBER 12**

Nightly News reports on testosterone therapy. Many older men say the treatment makes them feel years younger. But is it safe? Robert Bazell reports on a new study about possible risks.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Wednesday, NOVEMBER 26**

The flu virus kills 36,000 Americans every year, and doctors warn that that number could climb. What is being done to prevent a deadly epidemic, and how can you keep your family healthy this year?

## ***HEALTH ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER***

**Dr. Phil**                      **11/4/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Are your eyes bigger than your stomach? Do you eat on the run? What you eat and where you eat can impact your weight loss success. Dr. Phil discusses how to change what you eat and how much you eat without feeling deprived.

Show #: 2045              Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

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12/1/03, 5:00 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **NO TEARS**

Many people think tears are for crying, but tears actually protect your eye. Millions of Americans have a condition called chronic dry eye that prevents them from producing tears. It's painful and can ruin your eyesight. Sara Burget reports.

1:49 – Package

Susan Moran – Dry Eye Patient

Dr. Gary Foulks – UPMC Director of Research

12/1/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **WORLD AIDS AWARENESS DAY**

Every 11 seconds, someone dies from Aids. As today is Aids Awareness Day, students on the Penn State Campus were reminded that 1 in 500 college age students are HIV positive. Despite the advancement in Aids treatment, the number of cases continues to grow.

:51 – SOT/VO

Christine Macaulay – Global Aids Initiative

12/2/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **TENNIS ELBOW TREATMENT**

Nearly nine million people in this country have tennis elbow. It is a painful arm disorder that can affect anyone. There have not been many treatments for people to choose from until now. Sara Burget reports.

1:39 – Package

Kelly Chase – Tennis elbow patient

Dr. Richard Lehman – Orthopedic surgeon

12/2/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

### **ACNE / BLUE LIGHT TECH.**

There is a revolutionary way to break up the breakouts of acne. Sophia Wharton reports on the blue light technology offering new hope in fighting pimples.

1:42 – Package

Shauna Cheng – Patient

Dr. Mitchell Goldman – Dermatologist

Dr. Cynthia Colomb – Dermatologist

12/2/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Brigitte Langmade

### **PRIVACY PROBLEMS**

The new federal rules to protect patients' medical records have been in effect for sixth months now and have some surprising side effects that include shut-ins unable to receive meals-on-wheels to police not being able to track fugitives in hospitals. Brigitte Langmade reports.

1:00 – Package

Sue Blevins – Institute for Health Freedom

12/3/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **NIGHT SWEATS**

For millions of women, one of the telltale signs of menopause is night sweats. Now there is a new line of sleepwear that could help women have dry nights. Sara Burget reports.

1:21 – Package

Beverly Beck Ellman – Coolz's Co-creator

Audrey O'Neill – Breast cancer survivor



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12/3/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

### **VISCERAL FAT**

There is something much more dangerous than the pounds you strive to lose. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:45 – Package

Dr. Tim Church – Health expert

Kerry Stewart – Exercise expert

Therese LeRoy – Research patient

12/3/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Stephanie Clements

### **SPREADING THE FLU**

If you ask most people how they got the flu, most will tell you they breathed in the virus when someone sneezed or coughed near them. But as Dr. Stephanie Clements reports, the flu and other illnesses are most commonly spread through contaminated hands.

1:30 – Package

Dr. James Todd – Pediatrician

12/4/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **LUNG CANCER TREATMENT**

More than 100,000 people will be diagnosed with lung cancer this year. Radiation and chemotherapy are used to fight the disease but the side effects can be overwhelming. Now a new option might help. Sara Burget reports.

1:44 – Package

Dr. Alex Adjel – Oncologist

12/5/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

### **DIAGNOSTIC OR SCREENING**

Most medical tests are diagnostic, meaning they're done when you have symptoms. Insurance usually pays for them. But if you have no symptoms, the tests are called screening tests. Are they paid for by insurance? Sara Burget explains.

1:59 – Package

Claire Newman – Heart Risk patient

Dr. Harvey Hecht – Cardiologist

Dr. George Todd – Vascular surgeon

Dr. Steven Goldstein – OB/GYN

Dr. Claudia Henschke – Radiologist

12/5/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **BLOOD DONATION NEEDED**

The Red Cross has had to cancel four blood drives today because of the weather. While winter traffic accidents create a large call for blood, winter weather keeps it from being collected.

:41 – SOT/VO

Jennifer Mansfield – Red Cross

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12/5/03, 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **FLU SHOTS RUN OUT**

The only two makers of flu shots ran out of the vaccine today. They say they will not be able to meet the demand for the vaccine. Johnstown's Conemaugh Hospital still has 1,000 doses remaining.

:46 – SOT/VO

Chris Good – Conemaugh Director of Pharmacy

12/8/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **ECHINACEA**

If your child gets a cold this winter, you'll want them to get better as soon as possible. Sara Burget reports on whether one herbal product that helps adults works for children too.

1:16 – Package

Lindsey Boone - Took echinacea

James Taylor – Researcher

12/8/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **NURSING SCHOLARSHIPS**

Some help is on the way to ease the nursing shortage in West Central Pennsylvania. The PA Higher Education Foundation forked out 193,000 dollars in grants to area nursing programs.

:56 – SOT/VO

Michael Hershock – Foundation President

Stephanie Faher – Nursing student

12/8/03, 6 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **CAMBRIA COUNTY / FLU HAS ARRIVED**

Health officials in Cambria County say it looks like the flu is starting to hit here. Doctors at Conemaugh Medical Center say they are starting to see flu-like symptoms. If you have waited to get your flu shot, it may be too late to build up immunity.

:47 – SOT/VO

Dr. Daniel Wehner – Conemaugh Hospital

12/8/03, 6 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

### **BLAIR COUNTY / FLU SHOTS**

Recent outbreaks of the flu at Penn State have sparked quite an interest in the flu vaccine. Bons Secours Hospital in Altoona has temporarily run out of the vaccine. Natasha McBroom reports.

:55 – Package

Jennifer Fouse – Bon Secours Hospital

12/9/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **DETECTING CAVITIES**

A routine checkup by the dentist is important for keeping tabs on your teeth. Sara Burget has the details on a new tool that's helping dentists catch cavities quicker.

1:28 – Package

Howard Rothschild – Dentist

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12/9/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Natasha McBroom

### **HOSPITAL MERGERING?**

Talks of a possible collaboration between Altoona Hospital and Bons Secours Medical Center has some speaking out opposing the union. They say the monopoly will hurt patients. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:03 – Package

Dr. Frank Sangiorgio – Bons Secours Hospital

Ron McConnell – Altoona Hospital

12/9/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **CO-LOCATION AGREEMENT**

The Greater Johnstown Career & Technology Building Authority voted to consolidate the 4 sites for the Cambria County Community College at the Vo-Tech building in Richland. Now the Vo-Tech board must approve the deal.

:56 – SOT/VO

Ed Cernic – Building Authority

12/10/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

### **HIV / LIVER TRANSPLANT**

An Altoona man in need of a live transplant was turned down because of being HIV positive. However a judge has ruled he is eligible for the transplant.

:31 – VO

12/10/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **NEW TECHNOLOGY FOR BREAST CANCER**

Could technology originally developed for Star Wars help breast cancer patients? Sara Burget reports.

1:40 – Package

Mary Beth Tomasell – Breast Center

Marie Coyne – Patient

12/11/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **CROHN'S TREATMENT**

Crohn's Disease is a serious bowel disorder that affects more than 100,000 kids in the U.S. There is new hope in alleviating the pain and social difficulties. Sara Burget reports.

1:42 – Package

Stephen Lapella – Had Crohn's Disease

Dr. Baldassaomo – Bowel Disease Specialist

12/11/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **FLU SHOTS / PREGNANCY**

Pregnant women are extra susceptible to the flu virus, and doctors strongly recommend they get the vaccination. But when is a safe time during pregnancy to get the shot?

:40 – SOT/VO

Cindy Stallings – Nurse midwife

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12/12/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

### **ELIMINATING BIOPSIES**

Every year more than a million women undergo breast biopsies in the United States. But in 8 of 10 cases, no cancer is found. Now doctors want to reduce the number of surgeries. Sara Burget reports.

1:35 – Package

Henry Wyszomierski – 3TP MRI Scans

12/12/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Mark Allen

### **FLU MIST**

With flu vaccines in short supply, many people are turning to another form of vaccination called flu-mist which requires no needle. It's not for everyone and there are some drawbacks. Mark Allen reports.

1:58 – Package

Chris Good – Conemaugh Pharmacist

Dr. Sandy Ergas – UPMC Lee Regional

12/12/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

### **MASKS TO PREVENT FLU**

Patients and visitors to the E.R. at UPMC Lee Regional who have a cough are now required to wear a mask to control the spread of the flu virus.

:37 – SOT/VO

Dr. Sandy Ergas – UPMC Lee Regional

12/15/03, 5 PM, Monday Ryan Leckey

### **CUTTING THE CALORIES**

Imagine your favorite types of junk food, only with half the calories and fat. Now imagine that they still taste great. Ryan Leckey reports on a new additive that may help us lose weight.

2:48 – Package

Heidi Heinau – Taste Tester

Lisa Usiak – Taste Tester

George Tuglett – USDA

Greg Halpern – Z-Trim Marketer

Marcel Van Gernerden – Taste Tester

12/15/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **FLU TIPS**

Whether you got the flu vaccine or not, you should still be doing some common-sense things to avoid getting the flu.

:47 – SOT/VO

Paul Trimeloni – Conemaugh health System

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PROBLEMS AT LOCAL MEDICAL FACILITIES & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES . . . DECEMBER***

12/15/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **SINUS INFECTIONS**

How far would you go to prevent those painful sinus infections? They're a common problem this time of year, but you can prevent them now with nose washing. Sara Burget reports.

1:12 - Package

Dr. Diane Heatley - Otolaryngologist

Danielle West - Sinus sufferer

Lauren West - Sinus sufferer

Alec West - Sinus sufferer

12/16/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **DIAGNOSING HEART ARRHYTHMIA**

Millions of Americans suffer from heart rhythm problems. Diagnosing irregular rhythms early significantly reduces deaths and disabilities. Now there's an easy way to tell if your heart skips beats. Sara Burget reports.

1:40 - Package

Dr. Greg Sachs - Cardiologist

12/17/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **FLU VACCINE PREPS**

The flu is spreading across the country quickly. At the same time, there is a shortage in the vaccine, and a question about its effectiveness. Sara Burget reports.

1:43 - Package

Dr. Doris Bucher - New York Medical College

12/18/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **CANCER WEIGHT LOSS**

Many of us want to lose weight, but for cancer patients, weight loss can be dangerous. Sara Burget explains why and how a new protein drink is helping.

1:26 - Package

Helene Elicher - Lung cancer patient

Dr. Fleischman - Beth Israel Medical Center

12/19/03, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

### **MEDICAL MALPRACTICE**

Medical malpractice is another growing problem across the state. According to many doctors, it's a crisis. They are facing an end-of-the-month deadline to pay into a malpractice fund, and it's prompting new calls to go on strike. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:15 - Package

Dr. Ed Dench - PA Medical Society

12/19/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

### **SHOPPING SYNDROME**

If you're exhausted from Christmas shopping, it could be a sign of a serious problem. Sara Burget reports on Shopping Syndrome.

2:12 - Package

Thelma Hackett - Patient

Dr. Patricia Davidson - Cardiologist

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PROBLEMS AT LOCAL MEDICAL FACILITIES & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER***

12/22/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **MALE MENOPAUSE**

Perhaps the most unrecognized health problem among men is male menopause. Like women, men over 40 can suffer hormonal imbalances that can produce a variety of problems. Sara Burget reports.

1:45 - Package

Cameron James - Patient

Dr. Jay Mead - Medical Director, Mead Labs

12/22/03, 6 PM, Monday Lisa Stofko

### **FLU OR COLD**

The flu is still hitting the region and can last from several days to one week. But if you're feeling sick, it might not be the flu. You could have just the common cold.

:50 - SOT/VO

Dr. Jonathan Barnhart - Conemaugh Hospital

12/23/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Sara Burget

### **FAT SUSHI**

You may think you're eating healthy when you step into a sushi restaurant. But the traditional low fat low calorie cuisine is getting is an American makeover that adds fat. Sara Burget reports.

1:47 - Package

Leigh Ann Kowalsky - Registered dietician

James Mou - Sushi Chef

12/23/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Ryan Leckey

### **RU-21 PILL**

What would you say about a pill that claims to protect your body against the ravaging effects of alcohol and even stave off a hangover? It's here and anti-drinking experts say it's a bitter pill to swallow. It won't keep you from getting drunk, but does protect your organs and skin. However, some believe it's like giving people permission to drink. Ryan Leckey reports.

2:33 - Package

Emil Chiaber - Marketer, RU-21

Dr. Igor Persidsky - Recommends RU-21

Ron Griffin - Concerned about pill, National Council on Alcoholism

Beverly Peele - Super model

12/26/03, 5 PM, Friday Sara Burget

### **CYBERKNIFE**

Cyber knife was a technology primarily intended to treat cancers of the brain, neck, and spine. But now it is being used for other deadly forms of the disease. Sara Burget reports.

1:31 - Package

Dr. Greg Gagon - Georgetown University

Robin Poole - Cancer patient

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PROBLEMS AT LOCAL MEDICAL FACILITIES & OTHER HEALTH-RELATED ISSUES . . . DECEMBER***

12/31/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Sara Burget

### **FIT HEART**

It is a known fact that exercising regularly and watching your weight are two key factors to keeping your heart healthy. A new study explains that all of that is important at a young age is older age is to go well. Sara Burget reports.

1:43 – Package

Todd Farrell – Active young adult

Dr. Mercedes Carnethon – Researcher

12/16/03, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Katie Collett

### **MORNING AFTER PILL**

Should the morning after pill be sold over the counter without a prescription? The debate continues on if this would help or hurt women. Would it encourage more women to have unprotected sex? Katie Collett reports.

1:40 – Package

Richard McKinley - OB/GYN

Sr. Mary Parks – Altoona Johnstown Diocese

12/29/03, 5 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **CARE FOR YOUR FEET**

Did you ever think that wearing the wrong size shoe could hurt your feet? Do you ever wonder how those high heels are affecting your feet? Sara Burget reports that abusing the feet that are meant to carry you through your life could end up knocking you off your feet.

1:55 – Package

Dr. Davey Suh – Podiatrist

Elizabeth Nugent – Has foot problems

Kim Nguyen – Charles David Shoes

## ***NBC – HEALTH / MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. . . . DECEMBER***

Nightly News

**Monday, DECEMBER 1**

Robert Bazell reports on a new non-invasive way to screen for the number two cancer killer in America, colon cancer. Why could an x-ray procedure someday replace the colonoscopy?

Nightly News

**Wednesday, DECEMBER 3**

A record number of people are already suffering from the flu this year, and experts worry it will reach epidemic proportions. Robert Bazell reports on how you can protect against this deadly illness.

Nightly News

**Friday, DECEMBER 5**

Health officials worry that they may run out of the flu vaccine much sooner than expected. How can you protect yourself and your family from the virus?

Nightly News

**Wednesday, DECEMBER 10**

Billions of dollars are being spent on miracle drugs, like viagra, but do they really work? How do couples across the country really feel about them?

TODAY

**Thursday, DECEMBER 11**

Dr. Steve Miller, director of the Pediatric Emergency Medicine at the Children's Hospital of New York Presbyterian sits down to discuss flu: prevention, symptoms, concerns, etc.

Nightly News

**Tuesday, DECEMBER 16**

Nightly News reports on the debate over the morning after pill. Should the medication be made available over the counter and how could it affect women across the country?

Nightly News

**Thursday, DECEMBER 18**

Prescription medication is widely available on-line, but is it safe? Tom Brokaw reports on the crackdown on the internet drug market and how to prevent your kids from making dangerous purchases.



## ***HEALTH ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER***

### **Dr. Phil 12/1/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil examines Key #7 in his weight loss challenge plan, the circle of support. Dr. Phil expounds on dealing with family saboteurs.

Show #: 2046                      Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

### **Dr. Phil 12/8/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Thousands of viewers are taking the Ultimate Weight Loss Challenge. Dr. Phil answers questions on how to lose weight.

Show #: 2067                      Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

### **Dr. Phil 12/15/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

The holidays and food go hand-in-hand. So how do you lose weight and still enjoy your favorite holiday fixings. Dr. Phil advises how to survive the season without packing on the pounds.

Show #: 2077                      Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

### **Dr. Phil 12/23/03**

Host: Dr. Phil McGraw

Dr. Phil tells how to jump-start your weight loss in a healthy way with his new Food Guide. Also, he discusses how safe is dieting.

Show #: 2085                      Syndicator: Paramount / Kingworld

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER***

10/3/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **IMPRISONED MINDS**

Some local activists are trying to raise awareness about the mentally ill not getting the treatment they need. The play, "Imprisoned Minds" opens tonight and portrays different situations that mentally ill people may face each day without proper treatment.

:59 – SOT/VO

10/6/03, 6 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **SUICIDE AWARENESS**

It is not easy to talk about adult suicide, but it is important in an age with increasing cases of depression. The subject was "front and center" today at the Cambria County Community College where experts discussed the warning signs and those who are considered high risk.

:52 – SOT/VO

Wendy Stewart – Alliance of Mentally Ill

10/7/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **MENTAL HEALTH DIRECTIVES**

Soon you may be able to prepare for your own mental health care. A new legislative initiative would provide legal documents known as mental health advance directives that give people a say in their own care and encourage them to seek care early on.

:43 – SOT/VO

Rep. George Kenney – ( R ) Philadelphia County

10/9/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

### **BIPOLAR CONFERENCE**

You may have heard of bipolar disorder, a brain disease that causes unusual shifts in a person's mood and ability to function, but did you know it is often misdiagnosed in children? Instead they are told they have Attention Deficit Disorder. Why?

:58 – SOT/VO

Mellanie Grant – Parent of a Bipolar child

10/30/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **ALZHEIMER'S & VITAMINS**

A vitamin cocktail is showing promise as a therapy to help slow the progression of Alzheimer's disease. Research shows that combining a supplement with a prescription drug may help patients hold on to their memory a little longer. Sara Burget reports.

1:16 – Package

Dr. David Beversdorf – Alzheimer's researcher

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER***

11/6/03, 5 PM, Thursday Sara Burget

### **BRAIN MAPPING**

Alzheimer's disease is approaching epidemic proportions. It's likely to get worse as our population grows older. The focus now is detecting Alzheimer's early. Sara Burget reports.

1:30 – Package

Dr. Eric Braverman – Path Medical

11/19/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Lisa Stofko

### **WRECKS AND KIDS**

There are about 6 million car accidents every year in the United States. Many of them are minor, where no one dies or is even seriously hurt. Even those minor fender-benders can traumatize a child. Lisa Stofko reports.

2:09 – Package

Megan Tribble – Age 18

Dr. Kirven Weekley – Psychologist

11/20/03, 11 PM, Thursday Newlin Archinal

### **SHOPPING ADDICTION**

Are you shopping and buying things you can't afford? Have you reached the limit on your credit card? You might have a shopping addiction. Newlin Archinal reports.

2:21 – Package

Barbara – Compulsive shopper

Dr. P.V. Nickell – Psychiatrist

11/24/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Sara Burget

### **REDUCING STRESS**

Some of us feel like there aren't enough hours in the day to do all that is expected of us. How do you achieve a balance in your life instead of getting stressed out about the situation? Sara Burget reports.

1:32 – Package

Doris Greenberg – Stressed out

Laura Smith – Yale University

## ***NBC – MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES. . . . NOVEMBER***

Today

### **Tuesday, NOVEMBER 4**

How does memory work. What's normal? What's not...breaking the myths associated with memory and memory loss.

Today

### **Wednesday, NOVEMBER 5**

Today reports on Memory Training and offers tips on how to improve your memory as you age. (Using things such as memory aerobics and other brain stimulating exercises.)

Today

### **Thursday, NOVEMBER 6**

The last part of the series on "Boosting Memory" airs. Today takes a look at drugs being developed for mild to severe cases of memory loss.

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES . . . . DECEMBER***

12/10/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

### **STRESS & HOLIDAYS**

Along with food, fun, and family, stress fits right in when it comes to the holidays. Katie Collett reports on when it becomes too severe.

1:20 – Package

Artyce Thomas – Women's Help Center

Dr. Gregory Rys – Psychologist

12/11/03, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **MENTAL HEALTH SEMINAR**

Pennsylvania's Deputy Secretary for Mental Retardation visited our area and pointed out the problems he wrestles with in the mental health system. Seven thousand people are waiting for services and recruitment and retention of workers because of low salaries.

:45 – SOT/VO

Kevin Casey – Mental Health Secretary

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . OCTOBER**

10/1/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

### **CELL PHONE SERVICE PROTECTION**

Do you know where your cell phone is? If it is stolen or lost, you could be out a lot of money. As Sophia Wharton reports, consumer advocates are calling for better protection for cell phone users.

1:56 – Package

Thomas Wyatt – FCC

John Johnson – Verizon Wireless

Carl Hillard – Wireless Consumer Alliance

Adam Greindl – Wireless customer

10/1/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

### **SHREDDERS**

Old bills and bank statements can be a gold mine for someone who wants to steal your identity. Shredding documents can be a very important safeguard. Becky Thompson reports on shredders that are available for the job.

1:29 – Package

Maraya Albertson – Identity Theft victim

Mari McQueen – Consumer Reports

10/3/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

### **MERCEDES SUV**

It's one of the top of the line cars on the market, the new SUV. Does it live up to its name and high price? Becky Thompson says don't be too sure.

:49 – Package

David Champion – Consumer reports

10/6/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Brooke Hart

### **SAVING MONEY**

The Consumer Federation of America reports that more and more middle-income Americans are saving money. Still, half of those are worried about their financial condition. Brooke Hart reports.

1:00 – Package

Scott Brobeck – Consumer federation of America

10/7/03, 6 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

### **AFFORDABLE HOUSING?**

How affordable is housing in the State College area and Centre County? That's the issue being debated thanks to news that people in one neighborhood have to move to make way for a new business. Gary Sinderson reports.

:44 – Package

Bill Welch – State College Mayor

Richard McCarl – State College Council

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

10/7/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jarod Latch

### **INTERNET FRAUD**

How safe are you when it comes to internet fraud? It could cause your whole bank account to be wiped out if you're not careful. That's what one Johnstown man discovered. Jarod Latch reports.

:57 – Package

Robert Bacile – Internet fraud victim

Barry Creany – Attorney General's Office

## **WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . OCTOBER**

10/8/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

### **SURROUND SOUND**

With the explosion of movies on DVD and even TV shows with multiple audio channels, there is more reason than ever to invest in surround sound. But for some, it seems like an overwhelming job. Is there a simple setup. Becky Thompson reports.

1:23 – Package

10/10/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

### **FLOOR CLEANERS**

Scented PinSol now has a new formula that touts a cleaner approach to washing floors. Consumer Reports tested it out and Becky Thompson has the results.

:54 – Package

10/15/03, 5 PM, Wednesday Brooke Hart

### **GAS PRICES / COMPETITION**

The price at the pump has taken a dip in recent weeks, but they are still up 13 cents a gallon from a year ago. Today in Washington, some consumer groups argued that the price volatility is a result of too little competition in the oil industry. Brooke Hart reports.

1:00 – Package

Anna Aurillo – Public Interest Researcher

Jerry Taylor – CATO Institute

Dr. Mark Cooper – Consumer Federation of America

10/16/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

### **RENTAL CAR SAVINGS**

Expedia.com was number one in the latest rankings of travel websites. But if you want the lowest price on a rental car, Becky Thompson reveals that Expedia is not necessarily your best option.

1:28 – Package

Bill McGee – Consumer Reports

10/22/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

### **DOWNSIZING**

When companies want to raise prices, they can either up the price tag or cut the size of the product. The second option is actually a hidden price increase. Becky Thompson reports.

1:39 – Package

Leslie Ware – Consumer Reports

10/23/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

### **PROTECTING EMAIL / DO NOT SPAM**

Spam can clog inboxes with deceptive and offensive e-mails. A Senate measure sponsored by PA Senator Rick Santorum is in the works that would start a do-not-spam registry. But how effective will it be?

:46 – SOT/VO

Bob Wientzen – Direct Marketing Assn.

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . OCTOBER***

10/23/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Sophia Wharton

### **CELL PHONE PLANS**

Cell phone customers are generally locked into a contract. Consumer advocates say the agreements are too rigid and could leave you hanging with a phone you can't even use. Sophia Wharton reports.

2:00 – Package

Harvey Rosenfield – Consumer Rights Advocate

Michael Shame – UCAN

Travis Larson – CTIA

10/24/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Becky Thompson

### **SAFETY SEATS**

It's been a year since new child safety seat regulations went into effect. They were supposed to make it easier to put a child seat in your car. But tests show, that while some seats are easier to install, many are not. Becky Thompson reports.

54: - Package

Jennifer Stockburger – Consumer Reports

10/28/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jarod Latch

### **HELP WITH HEAT**

Heating costs just continue to rise, especially for those with natural gas furnaces. Is there any help to get you through the winter? Jarod Latch reports.

:50 – Package

Maj. Robert Carney – Salvation Army

10/29/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Becky Thompson

### **DIGITAL CAMERAS**

For the first time ever, sales of digital cameras are outpacing regular film cameras. Consumer Reports tested almost 3 dozen digital cameras to see how well they work. Becky Thompson has the results.

1:30 – Package



## ***NBC: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . OCTOBER***

### **Nightly News**

#### **Tuesday, October 7**

Housing foreclosures, Americans are losing their homes in record numbers due to an uncertain economy. What steps can you take to protect yourself?

### **Nightly News**

#### **Tuesday, October 7**

Credit card interest rates, they've fallen for mortgages and car loans yet remain in the double digits for credit cards. Anne Thompson reports on a simple way to lower them and save money each month.

### **Today Show**

#### **Wednesday, October 8**

On TODAY, if you're thinking about buying a new car this season, now's a good time to start looking. There are more choices than ever, and with car sales down, manufacturers are offering some great deals. Jack Gillis, the Public Affairs Director for the Consumer Federation of America stops by TODAY to show of some of the new 2004 models.

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . NOVEMBER***

11/4/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Becky Thompson

### **ELECTRIC GENERATORS**

More than seven million households now have portable generators. Consumer Reports tested generators and say there is a lot you may not know about their features that could make a big difference in an emergency. Becky Thompson reports.

1:23 – Package

Peter Sawchuk – Consumer Reports

Ron Devenuti – Owns generator

11/4/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **STRESS FREE HOLIDAY SHOPPING**

People are already looking at holiday shopping and how to eliminate the stress that goes with it. One of the easiest ways is to do your shopping from catalogs and the internet.

:45 – SOT/VO

Bernie Fewus – Senior VP, JC Penney

11/5/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

### **VOICEMAIL MAZE**

You call a company looking for help, and a recording company picks up, asking you to punch in all kinds of information. Many minutes later, you are still navigating a voicemail maze. How can you get around it to get the service you want? Sophia Wharton reports.

2:03 – Package

Martha Agnew – Frustrated caller

Brad Cleveland – Consultant

11/10/03, 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

### **CELL PHONE THEFT**

Roughly 50 percent of Americans own cell phones; some even use them as substitutes for their main home phones. But what happens when someone steals your cell phone? Natasha McBroom reports.

1:43 – Package

Ron Giuliane – Verizon Wireless

11/12/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

### **HEATING ASSISTANCE**

As winter approaches, it gets harder and harder for some people to pay their gas bills. But now is the time to apply for some assistance from a government funded program. Katie Collett reports.

1:33 – Package

George Finch – Blair County Assistance Office

Stacy Walk – LIHEAP Applicant

11/12/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jarod Latch

### **LONG DISTANCE SERVICE**

Dialing long distance is something we all do to keep in contact with friends and family across the country. What is the best bet when it comes to the service to choose? Jarod Latch sorts it out.

2:12 – Package

Mary Baloh – Consumer

Ron Gulliana – Verizon Wireless

Lee Giercznski – Verizon

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . NOVEMBER***

11/14/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **NATURAL GAS HEARING**

Senator John Wozniak organized a public hearing today about the rising cost of natural gas. Dominion Peoples talked about how rates are derived.

:47 – SOT/VO

Sen. John Wozniak – ( D ) 35<sup>th</sup> District

11/19/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

### **CELL PHONE NUMBERS**

Starting Monday, you're supposed to be able to take your cell phone number with you if you decide to switch providers. But as Katie Collett reports, that may not be the case in this area.

1:45 – Package

Rebecca Cranford – Cell phone owner

K. Dane Snowden – FCC

Wanda Black – Freedom Wireless

11/19/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

### **UNIVERSAL DEFAULT**

There is a practice going on among credit lenders that could put you in the poor house. It is becoming more and more common. It is called "Universal default" and could trip you up even if you pay your bill on time. Sophia Wharton reports.

2:09 – Package

Darlene Cirrincione – Credit card user

Paul Richard – Consumer Financial ED

Linda Sherry – Consumer Action

Catherine Dulley – American Banker Assoc.

11/24/03, 5 PM, Monday Alison Burns

### **VIOLENT TOYS**

Younger kids are being exposed to more violent images in toys, movies, and video games that all carry the same brand names. A child safety group, the Lion and the Lamb, released a list today of the dirty dozen toys to avoid. Alison Burns reports.

1:46 – Package

Daphane White – Lion and Lamb Project

Caesar Johnson – Parent

11/24/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **TOP CONSUMER COMPLAINTS**

The Consumer Federation of America has released it's annual listing of the top ten complaints for the year 2002. While new and used auto's top the list, internet and on-line businesses made the list for the first time. The problem was misrepresentation of items offered for sale.

:57 – SOT/VO

Stephen Hannan, MD – Consumer Affairs

11/25/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

### **GIFT CERTIFICATE LIMITS**

A state lawmakers wants to eliminate the time limits on gift certificates so that businesses don't keep money for services never rendered.

:43 – SOT/VO

Rep. Tony Deluca – ( D ) Allegheny County

## ***NBC: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER***

### **Nightly News**

#### **Wednesday, NOVEMBER 5**

Millions of people are adopting high protein, low carbohydrate eating habits, and food suppliers are rushing to keep up with them. Nightly News looks at the dramatic change in the way Americans shop for food.

### **Today Show**

#### **Thursday, NOVEMBER 6**

It is the Oppenheim Toy Portfolio's award winning video selections for 2004...the best videos for kids from pre-scholars to tweens to teens.. from blockbusters to educational videos.

### **Today Show**

#### **Monday, NOVEMBER 10**

Today reports on Internet Divorce. They talk with a woman who did it online.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Monday, NOVEMBER 10**

The U.S. Government is cracking down on the sale of Canadian drugs to American consumers. What does this mean for the thousands of patients trying to cut the cost of their prescription medication?

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### **Today Show**

#### **Tuesday, NOVEMBER 11**

Today reports on Internet Bankruptcy: She used a lawyer once and the Internet another time. TODAY tells you which worked best for her.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Tuesday, NOVEMBER 11**

From steaks to burgers, the price of beef is at an all-time high. What's behind the stampede in costs and how long is it expected to last?

## ***NBC: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . . NOVEMBER***

### **Today Show**

#### **Wednesday, NOVEMBER 12**

Today reports on Estate Planning: It's often overlooked until it's too late. MyLawyer.com Founder and Attorney Richard Granat explains how you can get it done.

### **Dateline**

#### **Sunday, NOVEMBER 16**

In a first of its kind national survey, Dateline NBC reports on conditions at the top ten fast food chains in the United States. Chief Consumer Correspondent Lea Thompson reports on the survey, in which the local health reports from each of the top ten chains were reviewed by Dateline for health violations and then ranked. The report will air on Sunday, November 16th at 7pm ET.

A total of one thousand restaurants in 38 states including:

**Arby's, Burger King, Dairy Queen, Hardee's, Jack-in-the-Box, Kentucky Fried Chicken, McDonalds, Subway, Taco Bell and Wendy's** were included in the survey. Undercooked meat, unwashed hands, improper food storage, and a host of other potentially hazardous problems were among the violations that Dateline examined.

The results of the survey were startling. Of the one thousand fast food restaurants Dateline sampled, more than 60% were cited for critical violations. And even the chains with the best rankings had close to 50% with critical violations. Critical violations are identified as something that happens in a restaurant that may result in the food becoming contaminated.

For this report, Dateline surveyed restaurant inspection reports from the states listed below. There are 38 states, with random locations selected through an independent survey company:

Alabama	Arizona	California	Colorado
Florida	Georgia	Hawaii	Iowa
Idaho	Illinois	Indiana	Kansas
Kentucky	Louisiana	Maryland	Michigan
Minnesota	Missouri	Montana	Nebraska
New Mexico	Nevada	N. Carolina	N. Dakota
Ohio	Oklahoma	Oregon	Pennsylvania
S. Carolina	S. Dakota	Tennessee	Texas
Utah	Virginia	Washington	Wisconsin
W. Virginia	Wyoming		

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . DECEMBER***

12/1/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **CREDIT COUNSELING INFO**

A new survey says that Americans who are most vulnerable to credit counseling abuses are those who know the least about the services. Some credit services are finding it easy to get away with overcharging customers and using deceptive practices.

:47 – SOT/VO

Travis Plunkett – Consumer Federation of America

12/4/03, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

### **CHOLESTEROL TESTERS**

With more Americans being diagnosed with high cholesterol, many are using home tests to check their levels. Do those tests give you the information you need? Becky Thompson reports.

1:16 – Package

12/4/03, 11 PM, Thursday Elliott Lewis

### **EDUCATION GIFT**

With the holiday season here, many parents are looking for the hottest toys and games. You may want to consider adding a college saving plan to the list. Elliott Lewis reports.

1:50 – Package

Karen Fish – Grandparent

12/9/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Ryan Leckey

### **REGISTRATION CARD / PERSONAL QUESTIONS**

What do your hobbies, education, or even ethnicity have to do with the purchase of a new appliance? That's what some leading consumer advocates are asking. Why are these questions on registration or warranty cards? Do you need to fill it in? Ryan Leckey reports.

3:18 – Package

Lauren Sturges – Shopper

Christtof Nagle – Privacy Information Center

Louis Mastria – Direct Marketing Association

Rachel Weintraub – Consumer federation of America

Andy Hooper – Shopper

12/10/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Ryan Leckey

### **VIRUS PROTECTION**

Despite what type of programs you buy to fend off those unwanted destructive computer viruses, they can still manage to infect your computer. Ryan Leckey reports on tips that could help you stay virus-free.

3:00 – Package

Leah Bloomberg – I. M. user

Vincent Weafer – Symantec

Prestor Gralla – Author of Internet Book

12/11/03, 5 / . 6 PM, Thursday Ryan Leckey

### **ON LINE SHOPPING CAUTION**

On-line shopping can be convenient and you can get great buys. But you can also become a victim. Ryan Leckey has tips for protecting yourself.

1:55 – Package

Robert Davis – Digital Razors

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12/11/03, 5 PM, Thursday Alison Burns

### **COUNTERFEIT PRODUCTS**

The U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement Agency is warning holiday shoppers about the hazards of counterfeit goods. Alison Burns reports.

1:00 – Package

12/12/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

### **CHECKING ON CHARITIES**

With all the charities that are asking for donations, how can you make sure your money is going to a legitimate cause? The Attorney General's office has some tips for the season of giving.

:41 – SOT/VO

Barry Creany – Consumer Bureau

12/16/03, 5:30 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

### **CHECKS – ELECTRONIC PROCESSING**

Consumer advocates are warning check writers to carefully check their bank statements, now that the processing has gone high tech. Mistakes in encoding could end up costing you money. Sophia Wharton reports.

2:36 – Package

Nancy Richards-Stower - Wrote a misread E-check

Gail Hillerbrand – Consumers Union

Rob Drozdowski – America's Community Bankers

12/17/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

### **PETS FOR CHRISTMAS**

If you're thinking of giving someone a pet for Christmas, you may want to think again. Pets are a big responsibility and take a lot of time and attention. Christmas, with all the visiting and activities, may not be the best time to have a new pet around. Katie Collett reports.

1:02 – Package

Ingrid Healey – Blair County Humane Society

D.Black – Johnstown Humane Society

12/18/03, 5:30 PM, Thursday Mike Majchrowitz

### **GIFT CARDS**

Typically gift cards have the value printed on the front, but sometimes when customers use them, they find that they are worth much less. Time limits, monthly fees, and problems with lost or stolen cards are just a few of the drawbacks to gift cards. Mike Majchrowitz reports.

1:00 – Package

Scott Krugman – National Retail Federation

Janell Mayo Duncan – Consumers Union

12/18/03, 5 PM, Thursday Becky Thompson

### **TOY TESTING**

Consumers will spend more than 1 million dollars on toys this holiday season. Consumer Reports tested the latest toys to find the best of this year's offerings. Becky Thompson reports.

1:30 – Package

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: CONSUMER ISSUES . . . DECEMBER***

12/18/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Natasha McBroom

### **CHRISTMAS SPENDING**

Experts say that you should have a strategy for Christmas shopping and not put yourself in debt to give someone the ultimate Christmas. Natasha McBroom reports on making a plan for Christmas spending.

1:20 – Package

Dwight Kennedy – Edwards Jones Investment

12/19/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Lea Thompson

### **WHERE THE MONEY GOES**

Charities are exempt from the new federal "do-not-call" list, so many of them use telemarketers to solicit donations over the phone. But before you hand over any cash, find out if your donation is really making it to the cause. Lea Thompson reports.

1:48 – Package

Bennett Weiner – Wise-Giving Alliance

12/19/03, 5:30 PM, Friday Sophia Wharton

### **VIDEO GAMES FOR ADULTS**

When it comes to video games, kids are no longer cornering the market. Now high tech video games for adults are grabbing a fair share. Sophia Wharton reports on the new games.

2:30 – Package

Sean Malloy – Gamepro Magazine

Todd Kort – Industry Analyst

Jenna Granse – Video Game Player

Greg Tabor – Video Game Player

12/22/03, 5 PM, Monday Katie Collett

### **SHOPPING / TERROR ALERT**

With the threat level raised and Christmas just around the corner, will last minute shoppers think twice about going out? Katie Collett reports.

1:08 – Package

Terry Malzi – Wilmore

Richard Benne – Somerset

12/23/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **CHARITABLE DONATIONS / HOW TO PROTECT YOUR MONEY**

Individuals make up about 85 per cent of charitable donations, with the balance coming from corporate donors and foundations. According to them, you shouldn't just blindly give. Donors should ask questions and do research to make sure their money will actually get to the cause.

1:46 – Package

Mike Kane – Community Foundation

12/24/03, 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **PAYING MORE / CELL PHONE CALLS**

A new state legislative initiative will up your cell phone bill to pay for new technology that will help 9-1-1 operators locate where cell phone calls are coming from.

:39 – SOT/VO

Dan Tancibok – Centre County 911 Director



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### **Dateline**

#### **Friday, DECEMBER 5**

"TRICKS OF THE TRADE" is a special Dateline hidden camera investigation and the only report scheduled to air on Dateline Friday. In a Dateline hidden camera investigation, chief consumer correspondent Lea Thompson reveals the techniques that some car dealers use to overcharge consumers on their car purchases. Despite ads promising big savings with "zero percent financing" or rebates, buyers can actually end up spending thousands more than they have to if they don't know the tactics used. Dateline went undercover with individuals looking to purchase cars to find out just what dealers will say and do to consumers. In one example, Dateline's hidden cameras caught a dealer lying on a customer's credit application to get her loan approved. While falsifying a credit report may be a felony, he is seen telling her "there's no way you can get into trouble for it...basically all this is for is to get your loan approved." The Dateline investigation shows that car dealerships have been charged with fraud and deception in 39 states. *Sonic Automotives* are featured in the Dateline report. They are the second largest automotive retailer in the United States operating over 180 dealership franchises and 45 collision repair centers in 15 states; those states include: Alabama, Colorado, Florida, California, Georgia, North Carolina, Maryland, Michigan, Nevada, Tennessee, Ohio, Texas, Oklahoma, South Carolina and Virginia.

### **TODAY**

#### **Thursday, DECEMBER 11**

Consumer attorney and TODAY contributor Alan Kopit talks about "how to protect yourself" during the holidays."

### **Nightly News**

#### **Thursday, DECEMBER 11**

An increasing number of 20-something adults are racking up high credit card bills. How can you curb your child's dangerous spending habits before it's too late.

### **Nightly News**

#### **Monday, DECEMBER 22**

Stores offer credit cards and say there will be big savings. Beware of the fine print. Why could your credit rate suffer even if you stay debt free?

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10/2/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **DELGROSSO CANDIDACY**

A Blair County Republican candidate for Congress knocked on his five thousandth door today, getting to know the community he hopes to represent. He says jobs are the issue on everyone's mind.

:50 – SOT/VO

Michael Delgrosso – Congressional candidate

10/7/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **COURT CANDIDATE**

A candidate for Pennsylvania's highest court made a visit to Johnstown today to tell what makes her the right person for the job.

:46 – SOT/VO

Joan Orie Melvin – ( R ) Supreme Court Candidate

10/20/03, 11 PM, Monday Katie Collett

### **REFERENDUM – PROTECT KIDS TESTIMONY**

When you cast your vote in two weeks, you'll be asked to consider a referendum to protect Pennsylvania's children who are crime victims or have witnessed a crime. The intent is to keep children from being intimidated by the accused. Katie Collett reports.

1:08 – Package

PA Sen. Mike O'Pake – ( D ) Caucus Whip

10/21/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Pam Kane

### **CORONER'S RACE / CLEARFIELD**

The Clearfield County Coroner's race is heating up, with the incumbant under fire for using too many deputies. Joel Heath has been accused of not going to a majority of the calls. Pam Kane has the story.

1:25 – Package

R. Joel Heath – Clearfield County Coroner

Patrick Willar – Candidate for Coroner

10/22/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **CHILD VIDEO TESTIMONY**

When you head to the polls in November, you'll be faced with two ballot questions that could change the way children testify in court. It's the issue of protecting children versus the right to a fair trial. Mark Allen reports.

1:48 – Package

Bob Gleason – Defense Attorney

10/24/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Lisa Stofko

### **CANDIDATES ON ISSUES**

Those running for Cambria County Commissioner attended a candidates breakfast today to let voters know about their positions on a variety of issues.

:56 – SOT/VO

Bill Harris – ( R ) Commissioner Candidate

P.J. Stevens – ( D ) Commissioner Candidate

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10/27/03, 5 / 6/ 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

### **BALLOT BLANKS**

In one week when we go to the polls, many of us will have no one to vote for. It's an annual struggle for many municipalities that have open political offices but no candidates. Mark Allen reports.

2:09 – Package

Cecil Leberknight – Long time council member

Fred Smith – Cambria County Elections

Ray Wrabley – UPJ Professor

10/28/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **BALLOT QUESTIONS QUESTIONED**

You may have one less decision to make on your ballot next Tuesday. A group of criminal defense attorneys want a State Appeals judge to nullify the ballot questions that would allow children to testify via videotape or closed circuit tv.

:30 – VO

10/28/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Marty Radovanic

### **SCHOOL BOARD ELECTION**

Will the school board election in Somerset have an impact on the teacher strike situation? That is questionable according to the incumbents running.

:36 –SOT/VO

John Coleman – School Board incumbent

10/29/03, 5 / 6/ 11 PM, Wednesday Jarod Latch

### **BEDFORD RACE FOR D.A.**

With election day less than a week away, the race for district attorney in Bedford County is heating up. The controversy stems from a 1998 incident when Republican challenger Bill Higgins was arrested in Philadelphia for an altercation at an NFL game.

Jarod Latch reports.

:41 – Package

Bill Higgins – ( R ) District Attorney candidate

10/31/03, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Katie Collett

### **REPUBLICAN COURT RALLY**

The steps of the Blair County Courthouse were filled with people today showing support for Republican candidates vying for Superior and Supreme Court positions. Katie Collett reports.

:46 – Package

Wade Kagarise – ( R ) State Committee

10/31/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **BALLOT QUESTIONS**

Just a reminder, there will be two questions on the ballot for all Pennsylvania voters on Tuesday dealing with children. If you vote yes, children who have been physically or mentally abused may have the option of testifying via video tape.

:46 – SOT/VO

Dave Gorman – District Attorney

## ***WJAC TV LOCAL NEWS: PRIMARY ELECTIONS . . .NOVEMBER***

11/3/03, 5 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

### **RECALL ELECTION IN PA?**

Are future election results in jeopardy after what recently happened in California? Could the recall election there be a sign of future political turmoil and would such a recall work here in Pennsylvania? Gary Sinderson reports.

3:05 – Package

Ian Rosenberger – Penn State U.S. G.

Robert Richards – PSU Professor

George McGovern – Former Presidential candidate

Sen. Rick Santorum – ( R ) Pennsylvania

Rep. Lynn Herman – ( R ) 77<sup>th</sup> District

Keith Bierly – Centre County Commissioner

11/3/03, 5 / 6 PM, Monday Mark Allen

### **ZONING ORDINANCE SPLIT**

Mark Allen reports on a race for 2 supervisor s eats in Jackson Township where a zoning ordinance is threatening to split a community.

1:00 – Package

Tim Gonzalez – Jackson Township resident

11/3/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic & Jen Kallin

### **AREA RACES**

The following races were highlighted.

Cambria County Commissioner race – those elected will face issues of high debt and high unemployment

Blair County Commissioners race

Huntingdon County Commissioners race – Front runners are running a write-in campaign

Alexa Cook – County Commissioner

Kent East – County Commissioner

Clearfield Coroner's race – Incumbant accused of not going to scenes of violent deaths himself

Centre County Commissioners race – Controversy over public funding of baseball complex

Bedford County District Attorney race - Controversy over one candidate's arrest record

Altoona City Council race – Issue is over quarter million dollar deficit in last year's budget

Somerset School Board race – Will a change help with the teacher strike issue

3:41 – VO

11/3/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Regina Miller

### **HUNTINGDON COMMISSIONERS RACE**

It is a heated race for county commissioner in Huntingdon. Two of the contenders aren't even on the ballot. They lost their primaries but aren't giving up. Regina Miller reports.

2:00 – Package

Kent East – County Commissioner

Alexa Cook – County Commissioner

11/3/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

### **BLAIR COMMISSIONER RACE**

The outcome of the primary race for commissioners in Blair County was surprising for everyone when the incumbant lost and a first-time candidate took the lead on the ballot. Will he hold the lead? Natasha McBroom reports?

1:36 – Package

Donna Garrity – Candidate

Joe Claar – Candidate

Barry Wright – Candidate

John Eichelberger – Candidate

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11/4/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Mark Allen

### **MISSING VOTERS**

Election officials are predicting high voter turnout today, but as usual, there's one group missing at the polls. The lowest turnout is among those 18-25 years of age. Why? Mark Allen reports.

1:29 – Package

Tony Miele – Sophomore

Adam Conn – Junior

Andy Surra – Senior

Zachary Dixon – Sophomore

Karen Sullivan – Freshman

Mark Ceryac – Sophomore

11/4/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Various

### **ELECTION RESULTS**

The following regional election results were reported in this block:

Clearfield Coroner's Race – Reporter Jarod Latch VO :50

Bedford County Races – Reporter Katie Collett VO 1:06

Blair County Races – Reporter Natasha McBroom VO 1:15

Cambria County Races – Reporter Mark Allen VO 1:05

Centre County – Reporter Gary Sinderson Package :58

Somerset School Board – Reporter Marty Radovanic Package :55 Richard Gibbs – Somerset

11/5/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Natasha McBroom

### **SHUSTER SPY**

There are allegations tonight against Congressman Bill Shuster that he paid an employee to spy on Congressional candidate Mike Delgrosso. Shuster says he had nothing to do with it, but the supposed spy says that is a lie. Natasha McBroom has the details.

1:19 – Live

11/5/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **PHOTO FINISH**

Just a handful of votes, 48 to be exact, separated two commissioner candidates for Cambria County. Incumbent Kathy Holtzman says she has not ruled out a recount. She says it definitely underscores the importance of every person's vote. Mark Allen reports.

1:33 – Package

Kathy Holtzman – Commissioner

11/5/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

### **CASTING TOO MANY VOTES**

Write-in votes for county commissioner in Huntingdon County caused confusion at the polls, with lots of voters filling in too many choices. Those ballots had to be thrown away.

:39 – SOT/VO

Charles States – Commissioner Elect

11/6/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **SHUSTER SPY RESPONSE**

Congressman Bill Shuster responded today to allegations he paid an employee to spy on congressional candidate Michael Delgrosso. He said he is both saddened and perplexed.

:41 – VO

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11/7/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Natasha McBroom

### **SHUSTER ALLEGATIONS**

U.S. Congressman Bill Shuster answered questions today about allegations that he paid a former staffer to spy on his opponent. He was out of town when the allegations surfaced, but today he is trying to get his message out to constituents. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:00 – Package

Rep. Bill Shuster – ( R ) 9<sup>th</sup> District

11/10/03, 5:30 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **TOOMEY ENDORSEMENTS**

The race is heating up among Republicans over whether Arlen Specter will be returning to Washington D.C. He has been criticized by fellow GOP members as being too liberal.

:55 – SOT/VO

Pat Toomey – Senate candidate

11/12/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **ELECTION RECOUNT / HOLTZMAN FILES**

Cambria County Commissioner Kathy Holtzman is filing for a partial recount of last week's elections where she lost by just 48 votes. It was one of the closest commissioner races in county history, and it appears it's not over yet. Regardless, the county elections director says the first count is the most accurate. Mark Allen reports.

1:32 – Package

Kathy Holtzman – Cambria County Commissioner

11/14/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

### **ANOTHER RECOUNT**

There has been another election recount request in Cambria County. The incumbent supervisor in the Jackson Township race lost by 63 votes and wants a recount.

:39 – SOT/VO

Dave Bracken – Wants a recount

11/19/03, 5 / 6 PM, Wednesday Mark Allen

### **RECOUNT UNDERWAY**

The results of one of the closest commissioner races in the history of Cambria County is still in doubt, as a recount is not yet complete. Mark Allen reports from Ebensburg.

:45 – Live

11/21/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Mark Allen

### **RECOUNT COMPLETE**

The recount of one of the closest races in Cambria County history is complete and the results stand. Commissioner Kathy Holtzman has finally concede the election. Mark Allen reports.

:38 – Package

Kathy Holtzman – Lame duck Commissioner

11/24/03, 5 PM, Monday Mark Allen

### **ELECTION REVERSAL**

A panel of judges decided today that a number of votes tossed out on Election Day were valid. That reversed the outcome of the Jackson Township Supervisor race, giving the victory to Dave Bracken. Mark Allen reports on the change that happens 3 weeks after the election.

:50 – Package

Fred Smith – Cambria County Election Director

Ben Kupchella – Lost election

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12/4/03, 11 PM, Thursday Jen Kallin

### **SENATE RACE / TOOMEY**

U.S. Senate candidate Pat Toomey visited Johnstown tonight with the message that Arlen Specter is too liberal.

1:00 – SOT/VO

Pat Toomey – U.S. Senate candidate

12/9/03, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **CANDIDATE ANNOUNCES FOR SENATE**

Congressman Joe Hoeffel from Montgomery County stopped in Johnstown to announce he is running against Arlen Specter for the Senate seat. He is calling for change in protecting jobs, investing in schools, and a cleaner environment for farmers.

:51 – SOT/VO

Congressman Joe Hoeffel – Running for U.S. Senate

12/15/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **GEIST RE-ELECTION BID**

Representative Rick Geist will seek re-election for a 14<sup>th</sup> term to the General Assembly. He says he wants to continue work on the teenage driving bill, a program already reducing deaths among teenage drivers.

:48 – SOT/VO

Rep. Rick Geist – ( R ) 79<sup>th</sup> District

12/18/03, 5 / 6 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **ELECTION RECOUNT / JACKSON TOWNSHIP**

The fight over a Cambria County election recount is now in the hands of Commonwealth courts. Ben Kupchella is appealing a recount that cost him the election.

:25 – VO

12/19/03, 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **ELECTION RECOUNT UPHELD**

The State Commonwealth Court upheld a November 24<sup>th</sup> recount giving Dave Bracken the victory over Ben Kupchella in the race for supervisor for Jackson Township, Cambria County.

:31 – VO

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10/2/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Gary Sinderson

### **AMATEUR BASEBALL STADIUM**

Big money is on the table today in Centre County for baseball, specifically to expand a ballfield complex, and possibly build a smaller version of the Altoona Curve Ballpark. But using public tax money for the expansion is raising some questions. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:20 – Package

Keith bierly – Centre County Commissioner

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commissioner

Pat Leary – Potter Township Resident

Brent Pasquinnelli – Shaner Sports Complex

10/3/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Friday Jarod Latch

### **SALES TAX / ON THE RISE?**

Governor Ed Rendell has a new plan to help Pennsylvania's schools. He would like to raise the sales tax, raise the tax on cigarettes, and impose a cell phone usage fee. It is a last ditch effort to get schools the funds they desperately need. Jarod Latch reports.

:49 – Package

10/6/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Mark Allen

### **GARBAGE FEES**

The city of Johnstown is losing about 100,000 dollars per year from unpaid garbage bills. City officials are trying to solve this ongoing problem with the requiring of a sticker. Is it working or is the city considering another option? Mark Allen reports.

1:30 – Package

Joseph Bunk – Finance Director

Jim Gladkosky – Indiana Borough Manager

10/6/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Monday Natasha McBroom

### **LIQUOR TAX / BAR OWNERS REACT**

State legislators are proposing a slew of new taxes, including one that could hit bar owners hard. It is a 6 percent increase on all liquor sales including beer. Tavern owners say it would hurt business. Natasha McBroom reports.

1:11 – Package

Steve Katcher - Owner, The Phoenix

10/6/03, 11 PM, Monday Marty Radovanic

### **ALTOONA / FACING DEFICIT**

Altoona City Council is trying to cut back on next year's budget because they are facing a \$250,000 deficit from this year. They say they were caught off guard and don't know exactly what they spent the money on. They are talking about service cutbacks and tax increases.

:56 - SOT/VO

Tom Martin – Altoona mayor



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### **CLEARFIELD COUNTY WITHDRAWAL**

The Clearfield County Commissioners voted at today's meeting to discontinue membership in the North Central Pennsylvania Regional Planning and Development Commission. They do not approve of the new management contract for that agency.

:53 – SOT/VO

Gene Lunsford – Clearfield Commissioner

10/7/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Gary Sinderson

### **BASEBALL FUNDING DEBATE**

Is it the best use of taxpayer money? That's the debate that continues in Centre County. Over close to a million dollars is being awarded to expand a baseball complex. The 2 county administrators who approved the funding are refusing to back down in defending their position. Gary Sinderson reports.

:54 – Package

Connie Lucas – Centre County Commissioner

10/7/03, 11 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **BLOCK GRANT MONEY / JOHNSTOWN**

The city of Johnstown held a public hearing on how to spend block grant money from the Department of Housing. Folks had a chance to voice their opinions on what needs to be done in their communities.

:58 – SOT/VO

Ronald Andrews – Economic Development

10/8/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Brooke Hart

### **AMERICAN DISABILITY ACT**

The Supreme Court today took up the issue of employers' hiring and firing rights when it comes to disabled Americans. Brooke Hart reports.

1:00 – Package

Joel Hernandez – Former employee

10/8/03, 6 PM, Wednesday Marty Radovanic

### **CLEARFIELD PULLOUT FROM COMMISSION**

Clearfield County broke its ties with the North Central PA Regional Planning and Development Commission after the commission gave its top executives 10 year contracts. Now the executives say they are willing to work on this issue with the county.

:47 – SOT/VO

Dan Masisak – Planning & Development Commission

10/8/03, 11 PM, Wednesday Jen Kallin

### **ABORTION DISPLAY**

A protest in Centre County sparked some debate today. People put up a display in front of the Palmer Museum on the Penn State campus comparing abortion to genocide.

:40 – VO

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10/9/03, 5 / 6/ 11 PM, Thursday Katie Collett

### **CHURCHES & TAXES**

Three dozen congregations were in Bedford today to challenge a new court ruling on taxing church property not used for worship. That means garages, school buildings, and social halls would be taxed. Katie Collett reports.

:50 – Package

Dick Rice – Bedford Commissioner

10/9/03, 5 PM, Thursday Brigitte Langmade

### **OLD SEWERS**

The aging and illegal sewer systems plaguing West-Central Pennsylvania have become a noose around the neck of many of the communities in this area with the floundering economy. Brigitte Langmade reports.

1:24 – Package

Tracy Mehan – E.P.A.

John Hall – Environmental lawyer

Rep. John Peterson – ( R ) 5<sup>th</sup> District

10/13/03, 5 / 6/ 11 PM, Monday Gary Sinderson

### **WORLD HUNGER**

If we do more to feed the world's hungry, could it have a positive impact on the war on terrorism? A well-known former presidential candidate thinks so, and today he visited Penn State to promote "World Hunger Week" activities. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:15 – Package

George McGovern – UN Hunger Ambassador

10/13/03, 5 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **BASEBALL DEBATE**

The debate over spending your tax dollars to expand a baseball complex continues. The Potter Township supervisors are expected to hear from one of the developerstonight. There has been an uproar over the best use of public money.

:38 – VO

10/13/03, 11 PM, Monday Jen Kallin

### **STATE BUDGET**

Gov. Ed Rendell is still optimistic that something can be accomplished rather quickly despite the political deadlock of the State budget.

:40 – SOT/VO

Ed Rendell – PA Governor

10/14/03, 5 PM, Tuesday Mike Majchrowitz

### **STEEL TARIFFS**

President Bush says that he is watching Europe as he decides whether to keep the Section 2001 Steel Tariffs. Steel makers are urging him not to give in to threats from the European Union of World Trade Organization. Mike Majchrowitz reports.

1:58 – Package

Terrence Straub – U.S. Steel

Alan Wolff – Steel Industry Attorney

Brink Lindsey – CATO Instructor

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### **BASEBALL FUNDING DEBATE**

Controversy continues to surround expansion of the Shaner Baseball Complex and how it is being paid for. After the weekly Commissioners' Meeting, Scott Conklin handed out copies of commissioner e-mail to prove that he was not involved or interested in the project or devoting \$900,000 tax dollars towards it.

:50 – Package

Scott Conklin – Centre County Commission

10/16/03, 6 / 11 PM, Thursday Marty Radovanic

### **BASEBALL DEBATE**

There is a new development in the ongoing debate in Centre County over a funding grant for a baseball complex. Brent Pasquinelli, one of the developers of the complex is reportedly now offering not to accept the \$900,000 grant from the county.

:50 – SOT/VO

Connie Lucas – Centre County Commissioner

10/17/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Gary Sinderson

### **TAX PLAN**

Education funding has held up the state budget for months. Now there is word that the stalemate may be over, with higher taxes in the future. But one lawmaker is holding out against any tax increase. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:25 – Package

Kerry Benninghoff – ( R ) 171<sup>st</sup> District

Charles Gerow – Pres., Penn Center

10/21/03, 6 / 11 PM, Tuesday Lisa Stofko

### **COMBINE DEPARTMENTS / PA FISH & GAME**

The idea of merging the PA Fish and game commissions is still creating a controversy in Harrisburg. Local sportsmen seem to be supporting a merger and a more efficient agency. The Fish Commission is struggling financially.

:49 – SOT/VO

Kerry Benninghoff – ( R ) 171<sup>st</sup> District

10/22/03, 5 / 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Gary Sinderson

### **MURDER / ACCIDENT?**

It's becoming a legal case with no end. Another magistrate has decided an area man should not stand trial on a charge of vehicular homicide. So far, three magistrates have refused to order a trial. But the District Attorney continues to press for a trial. Gary Sinderson reports.

1:01 – Package

Joseph Amendola – Pfeffer's Attorney

Ray Gricar – Centre County D.A.

10/22/03, 6 / 11 PM, Wednesday Katie Collett

## **ALTOONA BUDGET**

Budget talks are continuing for the city of Altoona where they are facing a deficit of a quarter of a million dollars last quarter. City officials say this year's budget looks good despite everything. Katie Collett reports.

45 – Package

Brent Fisher – Altoona City Council

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10/23/03, 5 / 6/ 11 PM, Thursday Lisa Stofko

### **HEALTH & WELFARE MEETING**

Human service agencies and private providers from Cambria and Somerset counties got to ask some tough question of government officials. Their concerns centered on the funding lack resulting from a frozen state budget and the cutting of programs and services. Some lawmakers expressed concern that even after the budget passes, the effects of the impasses won't go away.

:53 – SOT/VO

Pamela Tokar-Ickes – ( D ) Somerset County Commissioner

10/24/03, 6 PM, Friday Marty Radovanic

### **BUDGET IMPASSE**

One area state legislator thinks the long-running budget battle in Harrisburg could be over next month. But he doesn't believe the Senate can endorse the proposed income tax increase. Sen. Jake Corman – ( R ) 34<sup>th</sup> District

10/28/03, 5 / 6/ 11 PM, Tuesday Sophia Wharton

### **COURT BACKLOG**

With the appointment of Judge Kim Gibson to a Federal judgeship, the two remaining Somerset County judges are swamped with work. They are tring to deal with a work backlog. Unfortunately, the Administrative Office of PA Courts are also too busy to offer help. Sophia Wharton reports.

1:00 – Package

Kathy Riley – Court administrator

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### **HOUSING ASSISTANCE MONEY**

Blair County Commissioners started collecting an additional fee from those who record a deed or mortgage, and now they have set up an emergency home repair program with the money. They are also contributing to groups like IDA, Habitat for Humanity, and the Community Action Center.

:58 – SOT/VO

John Eichelberger – Blair County Commissioner

10/28/03, 5 / 6 PM, Tuesday Jen Kallin

### **NEEDS ASSESSMENT**

Improving the quality of living was the focus of a community forum in Cambria County today. A countywide needs assessment meeting was held in Johnstown, touching on issues like transportation, child care, and economic problems for workers and employers.

:49 – SOT/VO

Cindy McLaughlin – Human Services

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### **VISIT TO GOVERNOR**

Johnstown Mayor Don Zucco met with Gov. Ed Rendell today to explain the region's focus on three projects. The governor was reportedly impressed that the presentation focused on regional issues and not just the city of Johnstown.

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Don Zucco - Johnstown mayor

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### **BUDGET TALKS / ALTOONA**

The Altoona City Council is focusing on one issue, balancing the 2004 budget. At tonight's meeting, they covered every little detail. But the hope for accomplishing the task appears to be coming from the PA Department of Economic Development that might be able to offer some assistance.

:52 - SOT/VO

Mayor Tom Martin - Altoona

10/29/03, 5:30 PM, Wednesday Sophia Wharton

### **PROTECTING OUR CHILDREN**

We've heard a lot of horror stories of neglected and abused children overlooked by the welfare system, particularly after the terrible New Jersey case in headlines recently. But does the system ever work? Are there any success stories? In our area, 35 per cent of the children reported to the county are removed to foster care. What happens to the other 65 percent? Social workers work with them to rehabilitate the family so the children can remain in the home. How does it all work? Sophia Wharton reports.

2:18 - Package

Ashley Richmond - Case worker

10/31/03, 5 / 6 PM, Friday Jen Kallin

### **PAYING BACK DEBT**

With the final numbers in for 2002, Cambria County finds itself further in debt. The debt that has accumulated for the last 12 to 13 years continues to grow. The county has been forced to take out a loan for that money, so it's almost a given that taxes will rise as a result.

P.J. Stevens - County Controller